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Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIA – SINGAPORE MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT

The India - Singapore Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) will be operational with effect from 1 September 2025. Under this MRA, companies certified under Singapore Customs' Secure Trade Partnership-Plus (STP-Plus) programme can now benefit from facilitated clearance for their goods exported to India. Likewise, companies accredited under India's AEO programme will enjoy similar facilitation on their goods exported to Singapore.

STP-Plus Companies Exporting to India

2 STP-Plus companies exporting to India must have an Overseas Business Identification Number (OBIN) registered with Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) in India. For STP-Plus companies who export to India, your status as an AEO will be recognised when your business partner in India uses your OBIN in their import declaration submitted to CBIC. This facilitates exports to India by linking your OBIN with your Indian business partner's Importer Exporter Code (IEC). CBIC has generated OBINs for all existing STP-Plus companies, and Singapore Customs will email your company's OBIN by 25 August 2025.

3 Before exporting to India:

- a) Complete the OBIN form (available at https://aeoindia.gov.in/SourceCode/Website/pdf/downloads/userguide/OBIN_FORM.pdf):
 - i) Include your company details and your Indian importer's information
 - ii) You may list multiple importers on a single OBIN form; and
- b) Submit the completed form to dic-aeomra@gov.in at least one working day before export.


Note: This is a one-time submission for **all your existing importer(s)**. You do not need to resubmit the form for subsequent exports to the same importer(s). For new Indian importer(s), submit a new OBIN form containing the details of the new importer(s).

Singapore Companies exporting to or importing from India's Authorised Economic Operators (INAEO) Companies

4 For Singapore companies that are exporting to or importing from INAEO companies, please obtain the AEO code from your business partner (an INAEO company) in India.

The India AEO code consists of 17 alphanumeric characters in the following format:

INXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



PC1 **PC2**

5 The AEO code should be declared in the TradeNet export or import declaration in the following manner:


Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC1)	IN
Processing Code 2 (PC2)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Domestic Facilitated Clearance for STP-Plus and STP Importers and Exporters

6 To enjoy facilitated clearance in Singapore, STP-Plus and STP importers and exporters are reminded to declare their STP code in the TradeNet import and export declarations as illustrated below.

The STP Code comes in the following format:

AEOSGXXXXXXXXXXXXX



CPC **PC1** **PC2**

Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC1)	SG
Processing Code 2 (PC2)	XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Clarifications

7 If you require further clarifications, please email your enquiries to us at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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We hope that this circular has been written in a way that is clear to you. If not, please let us have suggestions on how to improve this circular at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: When does the India-Singapore AEO MRA take effect?

A1: The MRA will be operational from 1 September 2025.

Q2: What are the benefits of this MRA?

A2: STP-Plus certified companies will receive expedited customs clearance, with reduced documentation checks and cargo inspections for goods exported to India, while Indian AEO-certified companies will receive similar benefits when exporting to Singapore.

Q3: What if I don't receive my OBIN by 25 August 2025?

A3: Contact Singapore Customs at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg.

Q4: How do I verify if my Indian business partner is an INAEO company?

A4: Request their AEO code directly from them. Valid codes will be in the format INXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

Q5: I am an existing STP-Plus company and have received my OBIN from Singapore Customs. Do I still need to submit the OBIN form?

A5: Yes. While Singapore Customs has provided you with your OBIN, you must still complete and submit the OBIN form to dic-aeomra@gov.in. This form is necessary to link your OBIN with your Indian business partner's IEC before your first export to them. This is a one-time submission for your existing Indian importer(s).

Q6: I am a company that received STP-Plus certification after 1 September 2025 (when the MRA becomes operational). How do I obtain my OBIN?

A6: For companies certified after 1 September 2025, the process is as follows:

1. Complete the OBIN form
https://aeoindia.gov.in/SourceCode/Website/pdf/downloads/userguide/OBIN_FORM.pdf
2. Submit the completed form to dic-aeomra@gov.in
3. CBIC will generate your OBIN
4. CBIC will share the OBIN via email with:
 - Your Indian importer
 - Singapore Customs
 - Your company (if contact information is provided in the OBIN form)

Important:

- Ensure your company's email contact is clearly indicated in the OBIN form to receive your OBIN directly from CBIC.
- This process applies only to companies that receive their STP-Plus certification after 1 September 2025.
- You must wait to receive your OBIN before commencing exports under the MRA benefits.