

Course Content

Authorized Economic Operator (AEO), Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) and Time Release Study (TRS)

Duration: 01 week (07th October, 2026 to 13th October, 2026)

Facilitating legitimate trade while ensuring effective border control remains a central challenge for Customs administrations worldwide. Trusted trader programmes such as the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) scheme, along with Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) and Time Release Studies (TRS), are important tools for achieving this balance.

This programme will introduce participants to the principles and operational aspects of modern trade facilitation initiatives implemented by Customs administrations. Participants will explore how AEO programmes strengthen supply chain security while enabling faster clearance of compliant traders.

The course will examine the process of establishing and implementing AEO programmes, the role of MRAs in promoting international cooperation among Customs administrations, and the use of TRS as a diagnostic tool to measure and improve border clearance performance.

Through case studies and practical discussions, participants will gain insights into how these initiatives can enhance trade efficiency while maintaining robust risk-management frameworks.

The programme is open to officials from Customs administrations, trade and commerce ministries, port authorities and other government agencies involved in border management and trade facilitation.
