

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
(REVENUE DIVISION)
CENTRAL BOARD OF REVENUE**

Islamabad, the 18th June, 2001

**NOTIFICATION
(CUSTOMS)**

S.R.O. 450(I)/2001.¹[In exercise of the powers conferred by section 219 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), section 50 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, section 40 of the Federal Excise Act, 2005 and section 237 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001), the Federal Board of Revenue is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-]

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²[**Chapter XXXII
Authorized Economic Operator Rules**

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741. Definitions.-Unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, for the purpose of this chapter,-

- (a) “AEO board” means board of officers constituted under these rules by the Federal Board of Revenue to allow or disallow authorized economic operator status to an entity;
- (b) “authorised economic operator” or “AEO” means a certified entity which fulfills the security criteria and other laid down obligations and derives benefits as prescribed under these rules and may include manufacturers, importers, exporters, custom house agents, brokers, shipping lines, carriers, consolidators, intermediaries, ports operators, airports operators ³[airlines custodians or] terminal operators, integrated operators, warehouses ⁴[authorized couriers, ground handling agents] distributors, freight forwarders and logistic service providers;
- (c) “Director or Collector” means the Director or Collector AEO in whose jurisdiction business premises of an authorized economic operator is located and if more than one such premises exist then the Director or Collector in whose jurisdiction the principal office or head office, duly registered in the sales tax is located.
- (d) “Customs Computerized System” means the customs computerized system as defined in clause (ia) of section 2 of the Act;
- (e) “certificate” means a certificate issued to an entity by the Certifying Authority under these rules;
- (f) “certifying authority” means a Director or Collector AEO in whose jurisdiction business premises of an authorized economic operator is located and who certifies an entity as authorized economic operator under section 212A of the Act after approval from AEO Board;

¹ Existing preamble substituted and shall be deemed always to have been so substituted vide SRO 831(I)/2018 dated 2nd July, 2018. At the time of substitution was as under:-
“In exercise of the powers conferred by section 219 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), the Central Board of Revenue is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-”

² Added vide SRO 1114(I)/2020 dated 26th October, 2020

³ Inserted vide SRO 378(I)/2021 dated 29th March, 2021

⁴ Inserted vide SRO 378(I)/2021 dated 29th March, 2021

- (g) “economic operator” means any entity like a legal person, undertaking or establishment which in the course of business is involved in activities covered under the Act or rules made thereunder;
 - (h) “Regulatory Directorate or Collectorate” means the Directorate or Collectorate of AEO in whose jurisdiction an authorized economic operator is located;
 - (i) “Mutual Recognition Agreement or MRA” means an international agreement by which two or more countries agree to recognize conformity assessments of authorized economic operators of each other. After signing of MRA, AEO certification notified by one country is recognized by other agreeing country on reciprocal basis; and
 - (j) “SAFE framework of Standards” means set of standards devised by World Customs Organization that provide supply chain security and facilitation at a global level to promote certainty and predictability in international trade.
- (2) All other words and expressions used, but not defined herein, shall have the same meanings as are assigned thereto in the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), the Sales Tax Act, 1990 and Federal Excise Act, 2005.