The AEO program offers simplification of customs declaration procedures and acceleration of the release of goods. In Russia, the application of the AEO program actually began in 2012. On July 1, 2014, AEO status was obtained by 125 Russian companies.

In Europe, the AEO program has successfully been in operation since 2003. In 2014, different types of AEO status were obtained by 12,600 European companies.

What is an AEO?

An AEO can use the following special simplifications:

- Temporary storage of goods within or outside the AEO's premises
- Release of goods before submission of the customs declaration
- Completion of the customs procedures for transit, which apply to the AEO’s goods upon their import into Russia, at the AEO’s premises
- The Agreement concluded between an AEO and the customs authorities can be used as permission to place goods under inward and outward processing customs procedure and processing for domestic consumption

During the preparations for the inclusion of a company in the AEO Register, attention should be paid, in particular, to the following issues:

- Analysis of the company’s activities in terms of compliance with the conditions for obtaining AEO status
- Preparation for the field customs audit undertaken by the customs authorities when considering the company’s application for inclusion in the AEO Register
- Preparation of the application to the customs authorities for inclusion in the AEO Register and organizing the required documentation package

Experts from Deloitte’s Customs Services Group are ready to meet with you to discuss the issues relating to the AEO program. We are ready to provide you with extensive support, including the application of our European and US colleagues’ experience during the process of obtaining AEO status.
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