



Synergies between AEO and Regulated Agents/Known Consignor: Pilot in Mexico

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Cooperation between the AEO & the OCS

Cooperation between **customs and other governmental organisms** associated with international trade and the security of the logistics chain is becoming increasingly important.

The **SAFE framework** promotes the implementation of inter-institutional collaboration (Pillar 3).

In 2017, Mexican AEO met with Civil Aviation to discuss the intention of carrying out a Pilot Program and identify needed actions for a possible recognition of the **Safe Cargo Operator (OCS)** of Mexican Civil Aviation and the AEO.



The Pilot Program between both agencies is intended to achieve mutual recognition.

Objectives of the Pilot Program:

- **Alignment** of both programs and Mutual Recognition.
- Development of **joint guidelines** that will serve to share with members of the ICAO and the WCO, so that other countries can adopt this best practice.

Objectives of Mutual Recognition:

- Effective actions to **face the challenges on the supply chain security**.
- **Avoid duplication** of requirements and controls, and **simplify procedures**.



1. Establish contacts

Designate authorized contacts and follow-up on the designated tasks.



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2. Carry out formal meetings

Learn about the programs and analyze to define an Action Plan.



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3. Define an Action Plan and objectives

Follow-up on the assigned tasks, and the progress of the commitments acquired during negotiations and the joint observation visits.



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4. Carry out comparative programs

Compare and determine compatibility, establish benefits to be granted, and find common basis for inter-institutional cooperation.

Including:

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| – Legal Framework | – Certification Process | – Response and Renovation |
| – Types of Operators | – Security Standards | – Suspension and cancellation |
| – Requirements | – Validation and Revalidation | |



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5. Perform Joint Validation Visits as observers

- Civil Aviation participated as an observer in an **AEO validation visit** to a Customs Broker on July 3th, 2017.
- AEO participated as an observer in a **Civil Aviation validation visit** to a National Air Cargo Operator, from 10th to 11th August, 2017.
- AEO participated as an observer in a **Civil Aviation validation visit** for international cargo airlines that operate to Europe.



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6. Identify differences and similarities between programs

Conduct an overall assessment of programs and solve any issues that may interfere with the conclusion of the cooperation, such as, risk analysis, related processes, etc.



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7. Evaluate international best practices

Identify similar initiatives in other countries and evaluate its implementation and lessons learned during the process.



Pending

8. Next Steps

In case both programs are compatible, jointly develop the procedures for operation and exchange of information.



Pending

- Continue working to **understand the operation and security requirements** of both programs.
- Conduct **more meetings and deepen the paper comparison** that had previously been prepared, in addition to carrying out new joint validation visits.
- Carry out, a meeting in Mexico, that includes WCO, ICAO, AEO and Civil Aviation, so that progress and plans for recognition can be discussed, as well as the preparation of Guidelines that will be shared with trade community.



Thank you

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