

GUIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MRA BENEFITS

BRAZIL – USA



BRAZILIAN AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC
OPERATOR PROGRAM - AEO



WHAT IS A MRA?

Mutual Recognition Arrangements / Agreements (MRA) are bilateral/plurilateral understandings between Customs Administrations of countries with mutually compatible AEO Programs. Their objective is to recognize AEO authorizations issued by

another Customs Administration in order to provide reciprocal priority treatment in cargo clearance, establishing more predictable operations and securing competitive advantages to AEO companies in the international trade.



Brazil-USA MRA signing by the Secretary of the Federal Revenue of Brazil, Júlio César Vieira Gomes, and the Vice-Commissioner of the US Customs and Border Protection, Troy A. Miller

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On 16 September 2022, the Customs Administrations of Brazil and USA signed the Mutual Recognition Arrangement of their respective Authorized Economic Operators (AEO), which recognizes that both programs are compatible with the World Customs Organization (WCO) Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade (SAFE). The initiative aims to strengthen cooperation and facilitate foreign trade operations to AEO-certified companies in both countries.

For such purpose, the AEO status of an operator will be entered as a variable in the risk management systems, pursuant to the applicable legislation of each country, so that foreign trade operations by AEO-certified companies from Brazil and the USA - and destined for these countries - are identified and facilitated.



BENEFITS AGREED UPON BETWEEN BRAZIL AND USA

The following benefits have been agreed between both the Brazilian and American Customs Administrations to be granted to exporters certified as AEO-Security:

- Reduction in import inspection rates, in accordance with the risk management systems adopted by each Participant;
- Priority and agility in Customs clearance;
- Priority measures to respond to disruptions in trade flow resulting from heightened security alert levels, border closures and/or the occurrence of natural disasters, hazardous emergencies or other incidents of significance; and
- Joint dissemination events coordinated by C-TPAT and the Brazilian AEO Program such as conferences, seminars and workshops.

The mechanism for granting the benefits depends on:

- a) Identification of AEO exporters: each Customs Administration will inform its AEO-certified companies the code to be used.
- b) Filling out the import forms/documents: each Customs Administration will provide guidance to its AEO-certified companies. Check the example below:

To obtain benefits at the US Customs:

The American risk assessment system will identify the Brazilian AEO MID – Manufacturer Identification Number, as informed by RFB.



To obtain benefits at RFB:

The Brazilian importer will identify the American exporter in the Import Declaration by indicating its TIN, composed of "US" followed by the Employer Identification Number (EIN), digits only (no special characters).



HOW TO FILL OUT THE DOCUMENTS IN BRAZIL?



RFB will identify the American exporters by detecting their TIN (Trader Identification Number) code on the Import Declaration (DI). This code consists of two parts:

- 1) Identification of the exporting country which in the case of the United States will be "US".
- 2) Identification of the AEO-authorized exporter, which is the *Employer Identification Number* (EIN).

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The *Employer Identification Number* (EIN) of an American exporting company is a 9-digit numeric code assigned by the *Internal Revenue Service* (IRS), equivalent to Brazil's CNPJ.

Knowing the American exporter TIN, the Brazilian importer must inform it on the

"Supplementary Information" field of the "Basic" form of the DI, as shown below:

For importers filling out a Single Import Declaration (Duimp), the TIN must be entered into the "Foreign Exporter Data (Supplier)" field of the "Product Catalog", as shown below.

Detalhamento de Operador Estrangeiro

Dados Básicos		Informações	
* CPF(CNPJ) raiz da empresa responsável:	00.000.000	* País:	DK, Dinamarca
* Nome:	Danish-Turkish Enterprises United	* Número de identificação (TIN):	DK96874123051625
Código interno:	156-Pix	Código postal:	2200
* Cidade:	Copenhague	Subdivisão (Estado, provincial):	DK-82 Midtjylland
E-mail:	dtbu@hotmail.com	Versão:	1
* Logradouro:	Oresund Bridge, 287	Situação:	Ativado

WHAT IS A TIN?

The Trader Identification Number (TIN) is the solution proposed by the World Customs Organization – WCO – for the identification of AEOs by the Customs Administrations.

Standardization makes AEO-identification easier for the Customs Administrations risk assessment systems so as to grant the benefits agreed on in the Mutual Recognition Arrangements / Agreements (MRA).

HOW TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS IN THE USA?



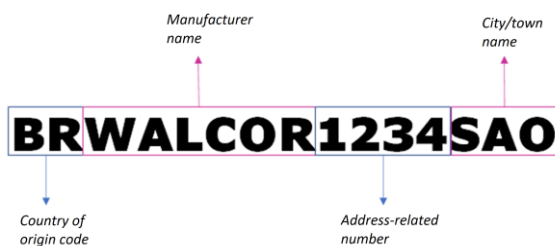
Exporters certified as AEO-Security in Brazil who want to enjoy the benefits granted by the American Customs must first **provide the Brazilian AEO Program** with their *Manufacturer Identification Number (MID)*.

[Click here to submit your MID.](#)

RFB will be responsible for informing the MID to the Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Only then will the American risk management system be able to grant benefits to Brazilian AEO exporters.

WHAT IS A MID NUMBER?

Manufacturer Identification Number (MID) is an alphanumeric identification code up to 15 characters in length **assigned by CBP** to a manufacturer exporting goods to the USA. For illustrative purposes only, see an example of a MID composition and format:



Though now aware of the MID construction logic, **do not try to create yours**, as it is exclusively assigned by CBP.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The MID is the mechanism used by CBP to grant MRA benefits to AEO-S foreign exporters. It has the same role as the TIN, adopted in Brazil.

HOW TO FIND OUT MY MID?

Contact your US Customs broker, who carries out import operations into the American territory. This is the best way to confirm your company's correct MID and which MID is being informed in your operations.

If you do not have access to the broker, another possibility is to contact your trading partner, the American importer.

ATTENTION:

If you use the services of multiple brokers, there may be different MID numbers assigned to your company. So it is critical to choose one MID to notify the Brazilian AEO Program and your American trade partners of. After all, **only the MID disclosed to RFB can make sure you enjoy benefits at the American Customs!**

**MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT REGARDING THEIR
AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATORS – AEO - BETWEEN**



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