

AEO (Authorised Economic Operator)



What is AEO Status?

Charles Kendall Freight holds the highest level of AEO status, Authorised Economic Operator. Our Security and Safety standards have been audited and approved across all our 5 UK sites along with our written quality procedures.

As one of the relatively few companies to hold this standard in the UK, Charles Kendall Freight has a lower risk score within HMRC systems and as a result, we have a secure partnership with HMRC along the supply chain.

What does it do for customers?

We can now provide customers with EU-approved customs compliance expertise and services to safely guide clients through all the legal changes which will affect import and export business; including a fast track service through HMRC controls in the UK and proven high security and safety standards across all our UK sites. With our secure partnership to HMRC within the supply chain, customers have the continued confidence that they are working with a highly qualified and experienced company.

Why is it legally important?

AEO status plays a vital role in the security amendment of the Customs Code ([Regulation \(EC\) 648/2005](#)) which came into force on 1 July 2009. The amendment aims to ensure an equivalent level of protection through customs controls for all goods going through EU customs territory and stipulates that relevant security data must be provided electronically by economic operators **before** the goods enter or leave the Community customs territory. With the transition period due to close at the end of this year, all importers and exporters operating in the EU zone must comply with the changes in EU law or face potentially hefty government fines of up to £2,500.00 / EUR 2,850.00

Charles Kendall enables customers to take advantage of the legal, quality and efficiency savings that our experience and AEO status can now provide.

In Summary

Highest level AEO Status
across all UK sites

HMRC partnership

Low risk score

Customs and
Documentation advice



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