



AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR

Mutual Recognition EU / Japan

French Customs recently announced the soon coming signature of the "AEO Recognition Agreement" which has been negotiated, between the EU and Japan, for more than a year now.

In fact, mutual recognition represents only an aspect within a wider scaled agreement concerning Economic Integration between the EU and Japan. This agreement is highly important taking into consideration that it seeks to abolish tariff obstacles on the Japanese side and the abolishment of the customs duty on the European side.

Reminder: Authorized Economic Operator

AEO certificate represents nowadays a quality label whose main advantage is precisely the mutual recognition between the countries who already adopted it further to the recommendation of the World Customs Organization.

The signature of the agreement with Japan represents an important event while we are still waiting for the signature of a similar agreement with the USA; all this while taking into consideration that the EU already concluded two AEO Mutual Recognition Agreements with both Norway and Switzerland.

The Customs and International Trade team at [DS Avocats](#) remains at your disposal to guide and assist your company for the AEO certification procedure as well as to advise you on the practical issues related to this certification.

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