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### Note to the AEO Contact points in MS

**Subject: Introduction of the EORI system as from 1 July 2009**

As from 1 July 2009 the legislation on the Economic Operators Registration and Identification number (EORI) is going to enter into force. In conformity with Article 4k of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 laying down the provisions for the implementation of the CCC as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 312/2009 of 16 April 2009 'the EORI number shall be used for the identification of economic operators and other persons in their relations with the customs authorities'.


This applies also for the AEO application and as mentioned in the EORI guidelines the EORI number has to be entered in box 9 of the AEO application. However, box 9 is part of the application form which the operators submit and in most of the cases they will continue to use the paper form, at least in the near future. The layout of the form is part of the legal text (Annex 1C to the CCIP) and box 9 is called 'Trader Identification Number(s)'. Discussions are already under way for its amendment as for the MCCIP but it would not be possible as from 1st July 2009.

Taking into consideration the abovementioned and aiming to avoid any confusion as from 1 July 2009 and at the same time facilitate the work of the issuing customs authorities we would like to advice you to inform your trader community that as from 1 July 2009 they have to enter their EORI number in box 9 when submitting their applications for AEO.

In any case we cannot change the name of the box itself in the application for the time being but this can be regarded as an explanatory note of how to fill this box.

As for the way of communicating this information to the traders you can choose and use the most appropriate for you means to do it – e.g. letter, information on the national web-site etc.

Similar information will be uploaded also on the TAXUD web-site.

  
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