

# Indirect Taxnewsflash

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## Road Map set out on recognition of AEO Certificate by U.S. Customs

### Services

- General training
- Industry focused training
- Client customized training
- Revision of the implementation of the new rules regarding VAT and customs duties
- Advisory services on specific issues

### CUSTOMS

*Negotiations have taken place between the European Commission's Customs Directorate - DG TAXUD, and representatives of the USA CBP (Customs and Border Protection)*

Following the implementation of security programs for the supply chain of goods within the EU in 2007, the EU and US authorities have set out a road map which will lead to recognition in the US of AEO (Authorized Economic Operator) status, which facilitates customs procedures for companies in the EU. The aim is that companies with AEO status will be able to gain the full benefits within the US too, without having to apply for the C-TPAT (Customs-Trade Partnership, which is the US equivalent of AEO).

The Roadmap outlines six areas that the EU and the US will address to achieve the goal of Mutual Recognition: political, administrative, legal, policy, technical/operational, and evaluation. It is the result of a comparison of both EU and US security programs and of the process for auditing applicants, which is the first step to harmonizing procedures. During 2008 the EU-US Joint Customs Cooperation Committee (JCCC) will continue their efforts to obtain and finalize an Agreement.

Both the EU Customs Directorate and US Customs and Border Protection Director, estimate that the Mutual Recognition Arrangements will be adopted in 2009.

## About us

Our team consists of more than 85 Romanian and international consultants, with command of local and international legislation, organized to be able to react at short notice to requests for tax assistance covering a wide range of issues.

## Further Information

If you would like to learn more about the support KPMG can offer your business, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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