



SACU AEO MRA

Unite and thrive under
SACU's Trusted Operator Programme

CALL TO ACTION

Join Our AEO Network



Unlock Your Business
Potential through RLA



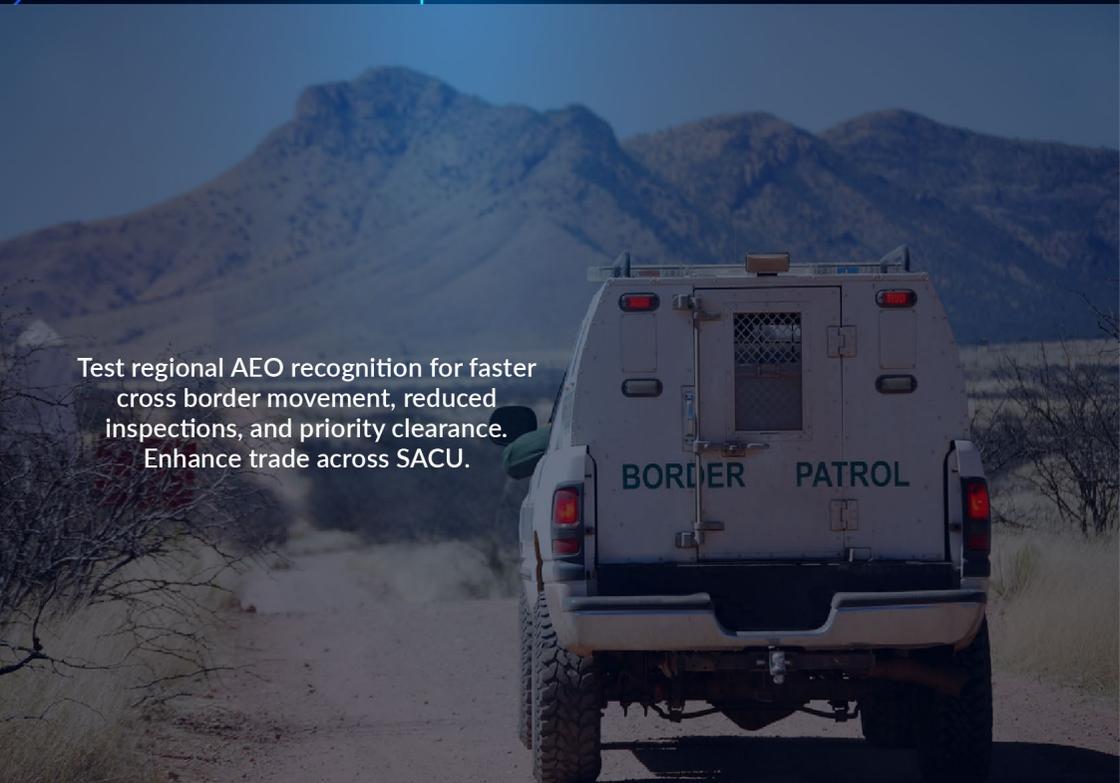
Join Our AEO MRA
network



Join Our AEO eSwatini
network



Join Our AEO Lesotho
network



Test regional AEO recognition for faster
cross border movement, reduced
inspections, and priority clearance.
Enhance trade across SACU.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR AEO PROGRAMME HEADS



From the Eswatini Revenue Service (ERS):

"Trade facilitation succeeds when customs and business build trust together. The SACU MRA strengthens that trust by aligning how we recognise and support compliant operators across borders. For AEOs, this phase is about translating accreditation into **consistent regional benefits** – faster decisions, fewer delays and clearer expectations. We encourage active participation and honest operational input, because the best system is one built with the people who use it every day."

– AEO Programme Head, Eswatini Revenue Service (ERS)



From the Lesotho Revenue Authority:

"Our journey towards trade facilitation is built on partnership. To our trusted AEOs, your role is pivotal. This Phase is designed to reward your compliance with speed and predictability. We encourage you to actively engage in this phase - your operational feedback is the key to building a system that works for business."

– AEO Programme Head, Lesotho Revenue Authority (LRA)



From the South African Revenue Service:

"As the largest economy in SACU, we are committed to driving initiatives that make trade easier for compliant businesses. The SACU MRA elevates the value of the AEO accreditation from a national benefit to a regional passport. For businesses considering AEO status, there has never been a more compelling time to apply. Let's build this trusted network together."

– AEO Programme Head, South African Revenue Service (SARS)

UNLOCK THE FAST LANE

Your SACU AEO Status is the Key to Smoother, Faster, Profitable Trade

Are you an Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) in Lesotho or South Africa?

The new SACU Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) is about to make your Authorised Economic Accreditation **MORE VALUABLE** than ever before.

Imagine this: Your trusted cargo receives prioritised processing at the busiest borders. Your goods clear customs with minimal checks. Your supply chains become predictable, saving you time and money. This is not a future dream -it is the direct benefit of the SACU MRA.

WHAT IS THE SACU MRA?

A groundbreaking agreement where agreement where "the SACU countries (Botswana, Eswatini, Namibia, Lesotho and South Africa) agree to **RECOGNISE** and **TRUST** each other's AEO accreditations. Your hard-earned status as a secure, compliant trader now opens doors across these borders.

TURN THE PAGE to see how to engage and what's next!

SACU MRA | LESOTHO • SOUTH AFRICA Building Bridge

READY TO JOIN THE ELITE?

Become an AEO and Access the Future of Frictionless Trade

Not yet an AEO? Now is the time to act!

The SACU MRA creates a powerful new engine for trade growth. Becoming an Authorised Economic Operator is no longer just a national certification – it is your passport to regional trade benefits.

YOUR PATH TO BECOMING AN AEO PROGRAMME PARTICIPANT

Why Apply Now?

Get Ahead of the Curve: Position your business to be first in line when MRA benefits fully activate.

Future-Proof Your Business: Regional trade facilitation is the future. AEO is the key.

Build Resilience: Demonstrate excellence in security, compliance, and financial solvency to partners and clients.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED & STAY INFORMED FOR CURRENT AEOs:

Ensure your details are up-to-date with your national Revenue Service.

Participate in upcoming stakeholder workshops to share your operational insights.

Provide feedback through pilot satisfaction surveys - your voice will refine the system.

Talk to your customs broker/agent about preparing your shipments for potential fast track lanes.

FOR BUSINESSES SEEKING AEO STATUS:

Contact your National Revenue Service Today!

South Africa (SARS): Visit [How to become part of the AEO Programme](#) | [South African Revenue Service](#) (AEO Programme)

Lesotho (LRA): Contact the LRA Client Services Division

Conduct a self-assessment against AEO criteria.

Begin enhancing your logistics, security, and record-keeping systems.

OUR SHARED JOURNEY: A DATA-DRIVEN PILOT

This initiative is built on collaboration and evidence:

We Measure Success: Using key metrics to ensure we deliver real trade facilitation.

We Learn and Adapt: Insights from early testing between South Africa and Lesotho will guide improvements.

We Build Together: Feedback from transporters, drivers, businesses, and agents is integrated into the design.

This is more than an agreement- it is a partnership between Customs and the Trade community to build a stronger, more competitive SACU region.