

AEO Uruguay

URUGUAY WILL BE CO-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON AEO REGIONAL STRATEGY

On Wednesday March 25, 2015, Uruguay was elected unanimously as the new Co-Chair of the Coordinating Committee on AEO Regional Strategy for the period 2015 to 2017, replacing the United States of America.

The decision was taken in the teleconferencing with the countries of the region as part of the AEO Regional Strategy, which were discussed and analyzed issues for the preparation of the next Regional Conference of Directors General of Customs of the Americas and the Caribbean in Port Natales, Chile between 13 and 14 April, 2015.

Thus, Uruguay has an important role in the region to collaborate and work actively with the customs of the region in the monitoring and enforcement of the proposed strategic objectives.



Workshop for the formulation of ANII / OEC projects



The Qualified Economic Operator Department (OEC) with the National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII) conducted a workshop for project formulation ANII / OEC (<http://www.anii.org.uy/web/node/77>).

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Argentina

The AEO Department involved in the creation of a compatible AEO PROGRAMS GLOBAL NETWORK is aimed at participating in cooperation initiatives with Customs Administration of the neighboring countries, as a prelude to the signing of a future MRA .

In this context Argentina and Uruguay have signed the Pilot Argentina Uruguay "Bilateral Agreement for the implementation of Intra Pilot Program - MERCOSUR Customs Security in the Supply Chain". It is an agreement signed between both administrations dated 04.11.2014 which formally began on 06/04/2015. This agreement have implemented a new concept which is called "Safe Range at Regional Level" which provides the interconnection of computer systems in the framework of a safe chain concept from the beginning to the end.

The added value lies in anticipation information to the country of destination of the load when a chain is completely safe

Benefits included:

- Minimum control and agility
- Priority shipments.



Pilot Agreement on Safety Supply Chain Uruguay - Brazil's team.

Pilot Agreement on Safety Supply Chain Uruguay - Brazil

Continuing with the schedule of proposed work for the implementation of the Pilot Agreement on Safety Supply Chain Uruguay-Brazil, between 4th and 6th February 2015, was held in Brasilia, Brazil, the third meeting between the delegations of Brazil and Uruguay that make up the working group to implement the Program.

The meeting aimed to start comparing requirements of the AEO Programs in both countries.

In this sense, the requirements for commercial and security partners were analyzed in transportation, concluding that in both programs similar procedures are requested to verify compliance with these requirements.

This comprehensive study required to add a videoconference modifying the official agenda.

It took place between 24 and 26 March, by which it was possible to finish the step of comparing all the requirements and concluded that there are no substantial differences in the requirements of both programs that prevent to continue with the negotiations.

Next steps

Next meeting will be held in Montevideo from 27 to 30 April, in this meeting will be studied the certification processes for the companies which seek to enter in both Programs.

Promoting the exchange and the future signing of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) in the region.

Bolivia

The OEC Team, aligned with the objectives established in the Regional Strategy for AEO Programs, and with the support and political will promoted by the National Directorate, has focused on the development of links between countries in the region in order of setting the basis for future signing of MRA.

In this process it stands out, the approach and exchange started this year with Bolivia Customs of which resulted in an agreement for bilateral technical assistance between the two administrations, to be signed at the next Regional Conference of Directors General of Customs (RCCDG) in Puerto Natales, Chile on 13-14 April.

The signing of this agreement will begin to deepening the links of the exchange through the establishment of a working agenda



between the two administrations, which besides to include the specific exchange on AEO topics, will include other aspects related to the customs modernization process.

On March 25, 2015, the National Director of Customs, Cr. Enrique Canon, attended the launch of the "AEO" in Bolivia, held in the city of Santa Cruz, where the Memorandum of Understanding between Customs was announced, and where it was expressed the commitment assumed by the administration of "engage the Customs of Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, and the facilitation itself of the Waterway, to get access to the sea for Bolivians".

Ecuador



On April 23, 2015, the OEC Department of Uruguay attended a videoconferencing requested by the National Service of Customs of Ecuador, SENAEC.

The reason was because the OEC team is advancing in the pilot phase of the AEO Program, that is why they requested the contact

with the OEC Department in Uruguay in order to get information about their experience during the pilot phase and the current certification process, telling the advances in the Program.

The OEC Department shared their experiences about the Program, its design and structure, audits, and what to do in case a failure of requirements is detected during the certification process.

As well as the National Customs Administration of Uruguay, the National Service of Customs of Ecuador targets the MRA among countries in the region, which were proposed to begin to work on a Memorandum of technical assistance for a future MRA between both customs.

OEC preferential path for operators in Chuy

In Chuy Border Administration (city located on the border with Brazil) an exclusive path to be used in the passage of the OEC operators was established, which means a new achievement and benefit to this Program.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **13 and 14 April 2015:** XVIII Regional Conference of General Directors of Customs of the Americas and the Caribbean in Puerto Natales, Chile. Signature of Memorandum of Understanding between the National Customs Administration of Uruguay and the National Customs Authority Republic of Panama.
- **04/21/2015** Certification of Ardoino SA, first international carrier to receive the OEC certification.