

The international webinar on "Implementation of the activities of Authorized economic operators" was held (June 29-July 2, 2020)

Today, 183 countries are members of the WCO, which account for 98% of the world's trade. Over time, new challenges arise in the world, affecting and making changes in the world economy, which also affects the customs sphere. Currently, there are such threats in the customs sphere as: border protection and tighter customs controls, difficulties in protection and security in e-Commerce due to the emergence of unknown players, cybersecurity problems, integration of customs operations management, as well as a recent problem that has a serious impact on supply chains - the COVID-19 pandemic. In connection with these threats, there is a need to review and assign the status of AEO, as well as other issues related to enterprises that have already assigned the status of AEO. In turn, all changes should have a positive impact on simplifying the procedure for cargo clearance and the safety of goods movement. AEO is a comprehensive program. To date, 171 WCO member countries have signed a Letter of intent to implement the AEO program. At the same time, Kazakhstan is striving for high-quality education in accordance with international standards.

Currently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many public and private enterprises have switched to remote operation. Thus, the State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan has moved to a new format of international events – international webinars.

In the period from June 29 to July 2, 2020, the State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan together with the WCO held the international webinar on "Implementation of the activities of Authorized Economic Operators" with participation of representatives of customs services of Central Asian countries (Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Uzbekistan) and regional representatives of bodies of State Revenue of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The international webinar was opened by Aliya Jetibayeva, Director of the Methodology Department of the Ministry of International Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Jeff Wright, Head of the USAID project on competitiveness, trade and job creation in Central Asia, and Hong Nguyen,

WCO expert. The work of the webinar also was attended by other experts of the WCO.

The webinar was moderated by Abilova Botagoz, Head of the Training Methodical Centre of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The webinar consisted of 2 parts (the first part was held on June 29-30, 2020, the second part is special - was held from July 1 to 2, 2020). First of all, the webinar provided an opportunity to demonstrate the world experience of best AEO practices, to familiarize participants with the WCO AEO standards, instructions and tools, and to learn about the experience of Central Asian customs administrations on compliance/ AEO programs. The webinar helped participants improve their competence in the development of the AEO Institute.