

PRESS RELEASE

New Authorized Exporter and AEO permits require sanction lists screening – AEB has the solution

- **SaaS solution COMPLIANCE||XPRESS offers automated screening in the background**



Leamington Spa, 21st September 2011 – Authorized Exporters (AE) are facing a new challenge: Companies wishing to retain their existing permits for customs simplifications, or wishing to reapply for one, now have to demonstrate how they assure long-term compliance with export control regulations. By the end of 2011, customs authorities will reassess all existing permits for

AEs. The questionnaire companies will have to complete is almost identical to the questionnaire for the Authorized Economic Operator, or AEO, C (customs simplifications).

Companies applying for AEO status also have to verify that they screen business partners and employees against the appendixes of the EC-regulations 881/2002 and 2580/2001 and against further official sanction lists. The EC regulations aim to secure the entire global supply chain – from manufacturer to end-user – and prevent the supply of goods to terrorists.

Having AE or AEO status facilitates and accelerates customs clearance. AEO status is currently still optional, but by the end of 2011, holders of customs simplification permits, in particular Authorized Exporters, must to some extent meet the same requirements as for AEO C.

Whether AE or AEO, it is wise to have a system in place that enables companies to log and retrace all customs transactions, archive data and run analyses and statistics. AEB's cost-effective on-demand solution COMPLIANCE||XPRESS is specifically designed for automated denied-party address screening, also known as sanction list screening, and additionally includes further export controls functionality such as checks for embargoed countries, critical goods and critical end-use.

COMPLIANCE||XPRESS offers the saving effects of IT outsourcing: investments in testing, software maintenance, hardware and data updates are covered by the software provider. The user only manages the normally required measures to ensure process security, and then regularly transfers the address master data electronically to COMPLIANCE||XPRESS, a SaaS (Software-as-a-Service) solution in the AEB computer centre, where the addresses are screened against the published and official sanction lists.

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Claire Umney, General Manager of AEB (International) Ltd, said: “Many companies believe that they don’t have to deal with export controls because they don’t export or because they are only active within the European Community. However, this can prove to be a fatal mistake, since the lists also contain British and other European entries. The obligation to carry out sanction list screening applies irrespective of product and no matter in which country the consignee is based. Considering the number of applicable lists and the fact that some run into several hundreds of pages, this can’t be checked manually but requires a software that automatically screens data sets in the background, without disrupting the workflow.”

To further raise awareness of the importance of export controls and to enable companies to stay compliant with all global trade regulations, AEB has started a comprehensive compliance campaign including an awareness poster, a white paper, a series of free hour-long compliance webinars, and a compliance conference in partnership with CILT (UK), featuring prestigious speakers from the Export Control Office, HMRC, Baker McKenzie and others.

To register for a free compliance online demo, please go to: <http://www.aeb-international.co.uk/assist4/online-demos.php> or call AEB Customer Service at +44 (0)1926 801 250.

To register for the compliance conference, contact CILT Membership Services, tel: +44 (0)1536 740 104 or email: membership@ciltuk.org.uk quoting event code COR010.

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