

F.No. D-20/DIC/AEO/16/2017  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue  
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs  
Directorate of International Customs

New Delhi, June 2, 2020


All Pr. Chief Commissioner/ Chief Commissioner of Customs/Central Tax,  
All Principal Director Generals/Director Generals of Directorate General  
All Pr. Commissioner/ Commissioner of Customs/ Central Tax,  
All Pr. ADG/ ADG of Directorates.

Madam/Sir,

Subject: - Extension of validity of AEO certification for ease of renewal process- reg.

1. Reference is drawn to Para 5.1 Circular No. 33/2016-Customs dated 22.07.2016 amended vide Para viii of Circular 03/2018-Customs dated 17.01.2018, which relates to "*Validity of AEO Certificate*" and reads as –  
"*The validity of AEO certificate shall be three years for AEO-T1 and AEO-T2, and five years for AEO-T3 and AEO-LO*"
2. Representations have been received by the field formations regarding the difficulties being faced by the AEO entities in renewing their existing certifications owing to the national lockdown.
3. Accordingly, the Board has decided to extend the validity of all the AEO certificates expired/expiring between 01.03.2020 and 31.05.2020 to 30.06.2020, except for those entities against which a negative report is received during this period.
4. Wide publicity may be given to this Circular by way of issuance of Trade/Public Notice. Difficulties, if any, in the implementation of this Circular may be brought to the notice of this office.

Yours faithfully,



[Manish Kumar]  
Joint Commissioner (DIC)