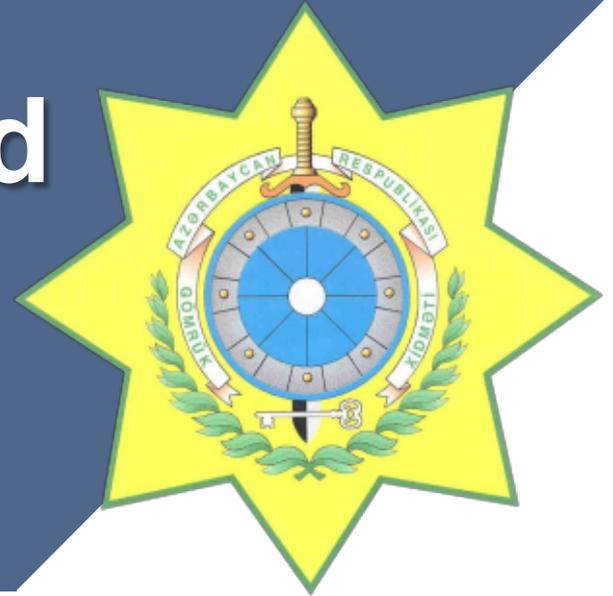


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Legislative reforms

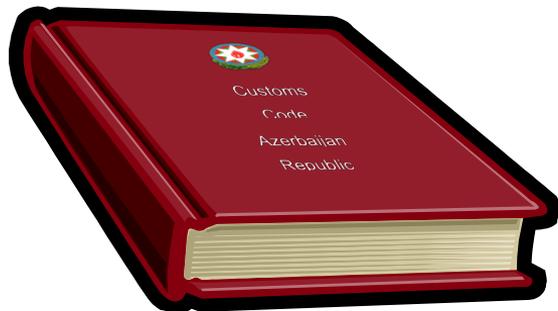
New Customs Code

Entered into force on January 1, 2012

The Code reflects the provisions of the Kyoto Convention, the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards and other international norms.

New concepts:

- Risk management;
- Advance electronic declaration;
- Use of information technology in customs;
- Electronic payments and services;
- Intellectual property rights;
- AEO's
- Modernized customs procedures.





AEO Programme

Title: Authorized Economic Operator

- The Customs Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- «Rules of assignment, temporary suspension and cancellation of the status of Authorized Economic Operator»
Resolution No. 230 of the Cabinet and Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated August 27, 2013

Customs Compliance Programme

Title: «The Green Corridor»

- The Customs Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- “Rules for use of ‘The Green Corridor’ and other border crossing systems for transportation of goods and vehicles through the customs border”
Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan No. 920, May 21, 2016.
- «The rules of obtaining of the right of permanent use of the Green Corridor by the foreign trade participants, suspension, cancelation and restoration of such right»
Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan No. 427, December 21, 2018



Benefits given to users of the «Green Corridor»

01

Faster border crossing formalities;

02

Priority on services provided by customs authorities at customs checkpoints and at "Trade Facilitation Centers"

03

Minimizing physical customs inspections by applying customs audits

04

Priority on carrying out customs examination of goods

05

Provision of customs services outside of customs working hours and outside of customs premises

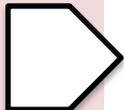
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A seat at the table (participation in business consultative group meetings, trainings etc.)



Benefits given to users of the «Green Corridor»

On
Import



01

Direct placement of the imported goods at importers' disposal.

02

Independent withdrawal of the goods from the customs BCP by means of transport (if the customs declaration submitted by the user is in compliance with the consent of customs authority)

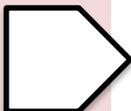
01

Independent dispatch of the export goods to the customs BCP by submitting the electronic declaration and without visiting the customs

02

Independent application of the customs seals.

On
Export



These advantages to users of the Green Corridor system do not exclude responsibilities set out in the customs legislation.



Criteria's of obtaining of the right of use of the Green Corridor

**Import
&
Export**



- 01 *At least 1 (year) experience in the area of import operations;*
- 02 *Ability to use electronic customs services*
- 03 *Use of transport means that meet international transportation standards*
- 04 *Use of warehouses that meet defined requirements*
- 05 *Non-conviction for crimes such as evasion of payment of customs duties, smuggling etc.*



Requirements for the users of Green Corridor

01

Preliminary electronic declaration (at least 1 hour before the entry of the goods to BCP);

02

Immediate notification of customs authorities upon arrival of the goods to the importers warehouse

03

Submission of electronic export declaration at least 1 hour before the loading goods into the vehicle

04

Accurate declaration of information on goods and vehicles (range, quantity, technical specifications, designation, HS code and value)

05

Provision of guarantees provided in the Customs Code (Article 258.1) for the purpose of ensuring payment of customs duties that may arise during the import transactions or in future

06

Transportation of the goods by means of transport that meets safety standards, where external interference is impossible

Requirements





Suspension of the right of use of the “Green corridor”

The suspension the
right of use

01

If the application on suspension is submitted to Customs Committee by the user of “Green Corridor” (in this case user right shall be suspended for a period no more than 12 (twelve) months)

02

In case of failure to comply with the requirements (in this case user right shall be suspended for a period of 3 (three) months)

03

Customs within of 1 working day shall notify the user and relevant authorities on decision of suspension of the user status. The Committee shall inform the individual at least 30 (thirty) days before making a decision on that.

04

Within 1 working day from the date of the decision on restoration of the right to use “Green Corridor”, the person and other relevant authorities shall be informed.



Revocation right of use

Customs within one (1) working day from the date of adoption of the decision on termination of the right of use of the Green Corridor shall notify person and other relevant authorities..

01

If the application on revocation is submitted to Customs Committee by the user of "Green Corridor"

02

If misinformation found in documents submitted for the right of use of the Green Corridor

03

In the case of repeal of legal entity or if individual is considered incapable by a court, or in case of individuals death

04

If the user does not carry out an import-export operations within 12 (twelve) months

05

Conviction for crimes such as smuggling, evasion of payment of customs duties etc.

06

If the reasons of suspension of the right to use the Green Corridor are not eliminated.



GREEN CORRIDOR

"Yaşıl Dəhliz" buraxılış sisteminin məqsədi qanunvericiliyə riayət edən xarici ticarət iştirakçıları üçün daha əlverişli şərait yaratmaq, biznesin dövlət tənzimləmə mexanizmlərinin effektivliyini artırmaq, könüllü riayət mədəniyyətini formalaşdırmaq, risk qiymətləndirilməsi və gömrük auditi əsasında gömrük nəzarətini və rəsmiləşdirilməsini daha çevik və şəffaf

More →



The Committee provides
electronic registration of
individuals

Customs publishes information
about the users of Green
Corridor on the Committee's
website.

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National AEO Programme:

«Rules of assignment, temporary suspension and cancellation of the status of Authorized Economic Operator»

Resolution No. 230 of the Cabinet and Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated August 27, 2013

The main criteria's for assigning AEO status are:

- *Compliance with the rules;*
- *Record keeping system;*
- *Financial viability;*
- *Security.*



Terms for granting the AEO status are as follows:

- existence of possibility of ensuring the delivery of goods to the destination in accordance with the safety norms and standards specified by the World Customs Organization;
- to comply with the requirements of customs and tax legislation;
- to have a satisfactory system on management of commercial and transport documents, playing an important role in terms of customs control;
- to have financial capacity to carry out customs duties and other payments;
- to have at least 2 (two) years of experience in the field of operation;
- to have possibility of implementation of the relevant safety and security standards;
- to have a technical base ensuring exchange of information at the proper level.



Further plans:

- Appointment of AEO working group
- Amendment of legislative acts (Customs Code and Resolution No.230)
- Develop the application form, self-assessment form, benefits, AEO manual, guidelines (security and validation)
- Enhancement of outreach programs (workshops and trainings both for customs and private sector)
- Create a separate AEO section and make available all the relevant information at the website
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**Thank you for
your attention!**