



EU-US COOPERATION ON TRADE & SECURITY

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BRIEFING NOTE

BUSINESSEUROPE activities on trade and security

- Customs security
- EU legislation
- Cooperation with the US Government
- Joint activities with US business (US Chamber of Commerce)

Approach to Trade & Security

- Combine Security with Trade Facilitation
- Focus on risk
- Standardise to lower costs

Authorised Economic Operator (AEO)

BUSINESSEUROPE Supports AEO

- Improve security
- Responsible companies
- Partnership Business + Government
- Only for Extra Europe (EU/EEA/TK)

Criteria for success

- Cost-effective programme
- Major simplification for controls
- Avoid complex procedures
- Clear benefits for AEO companies
- Ensure SMEs benefit/not harmed
- Mutual recognition with 3rd countries

Objective: Mutual recognition of CTPAT(US) and AEO (EU)

Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism

- Companies: info on imports to US
- Homeland Security: targets risky cargo

Authorised Economic Operator

- Companies: info on imports & exports
- EU Customs: target risky cargo

Cooperation & mutual recognition will reduce risk, speed up trade

→ Win-win for trade & security



Problems with 100% Scanning Legislation

Delays

- 10 mins to scan 1 container
- US imports 11 million containers/year

Technological problems

- Available technology for rapid scanning
- Too much information

Other problems

- Ignores risk-based approach
- Reduces cooperation on supply chain security

US test cases of 100% scanning

- Cost: US\$ 577 per container
- EU Ports most affected:
 - Bremen: 570,000
 - Antwerp: 450,000
 - Rotterdam: 400,000

BUSINESSEUROPE action

Continue cooperation with US Chamber

- Oppose 100 % scanning
- Support public-private cooperation on risk-based supply chain security

Future actions

- Create coalition on the issue
- Organization of joint seminar
- Lobby new US Administration + Congress
