

**DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE
CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

No. 2/2020

Establishing a common logo for CEFTA Parties' Authorised Economic Operators

Adopted on 16 December

**The Joint Committee
Preamble**

Having regard to Articles 40.4 and 41.5 of Annex 1 to the Agreement on Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement Consolidated Version of the Central European Free Trade Agreement CEFTA 2006 (hereinafter referred to as "CEFTA") done in Bucharest on 19 December 2006, in particular Articles 3(3), 25 of CEFTA Additional Protocol 5 (hereinafter referred to as "AP 5");

Having regard to Annex III of CEFTA Additional Protocol 5 setting up the requirements according to which the status of Authorised Economic Operator shall be granted by each CEFTA Party in line with, and facilitations to be granted to, Authorised Economic Operators as specified thereby;

Having regard to the Decision No 1/2019 of the Joint Committee of the Central European Free Trade Agreement Establishing the validation procedure for the mutual recognition of CEFTA Parties' national Authorised Economic Operators' Programmes with regard to the safety and security (AEOS) adopted on 18 December 2019;

Having resolved to conduct their mutual trade relations in accordance with the rules and disciplines of the WTO, whether or not they are Members of the WTO;

Emphasising the role of the EU alignment process in each CEFTA Party offering a common standard as reflected in Articles 3(3), 25, 26 and Annex III of the AP 5 triggering the mutual recognition of programmes, documents, and inspections among CEFTA Parties;

Considering that Authorised Economic Operators established in CEFTA Parties whose AEO programmes have been recognised for mutual recognition should be able to demonstrate such recognition by use of a common CEFTA AEO logo;

Anticipating that mutual recognition may be extended later to Authorised Economic Operators for customs facilitation (AEOC), so that the AEO logo should be designed in such a way that it can later be used for such AEO, as well as for those fulfilling the requirements of both types of AEO too;

Considering that Mutual Recognition of AEOs and the visibility of those economic operators benefiting from such recognition are key elements of the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards to strengthen end-to-end security of supply chains and to multiply benefits for traders; by mutual recognition of AEOs the customs administrations involved agree to recognise the AEO authorisation issued under the other programmes and to provide reciprocal benefits to AEOs of the other programmes;

Has decided as follows:

Article 1

Scope

- 1.1 This Decision shall lay down a common CEFTA logo and the conditions for the use of that logo for Authorised Economic Operators established in a CEFTA Party whose Authorised Economic Operators' Programme has been recognised in accordance with Decision No 1/2019 of the Joint Committee of the Central European Free Trade Agreement establishing the validation procedure for the mutual recognition of CEFTA Parties' national Authorised Economic Operators' Programmes with regard to the safety and security (AEOS) adopted on 18 December 2019 (in the following: Decision No 1/2019).
- 1.2 Once the Joint Committee has agreed on, and positively performed, a validation procedure for the mutual recognition of CEFTA Parties' Authorised Economic Operators' Programmes with regard to the customs simplification (AEOC), the logo laid down in this Decision shall apply to, and may be used by, AEOC, as well as those economic operators fulfilling both AEOS and AEOC requirements, too.
- 1.3 The logo is laid down in the Annex.

Article 2

Conditions for the use of the logo

- 2.1 An AEOS is entitled to use the logo under the following conditions:
- the AEO programme of the CEFTA Party which granted the status has been recognised in accordance with Decision No 1/2019,
 - the AEO has agreed that his AEOS status may be made public, so that the CEFTA Secretariat is entitled to make this information available on its website pursuant to Article 7.2 of Decision No 1/2019.
- 2.2 An AEOC is entitled to use the logo under the following conditions:
- the Joint Committee has agreed on a validation procedure for AEOC,
 - the AEOC programme of the CEFTA Party which granted the status has been recognized for mutual recognition,
 - the AEO has agreed that his AEOC status may be made public, so that the CEFTA Secretariat is entitled to make this information available on its website.

Article 3

Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Adopted in Sarajevo, on 16 December 2020, in the presence of all CEFTA Parties.

Annex

AEO logo

Basic Graphic standards



LOGO

Color - on white/light background



Color - on black/dark background



LOGO
B&W - on white/light background



B&W - on black/dark background



COLORS



C 100
M 90
Y 10
K 0



C 0
M 15
Y 90
K 0



C 0
M 0
Y 0
K 55



R 37
G 64
B 143



R 255
G 213
B 143



R 132
G 140
B 145



Pantone
287 C



Pantone
Yellow C



Pantone
877 C

TYPOGRAPHY

LOGO and Titles

OPEN SANS BOLD

Open Sans Bold

Text

Open Sans Light

