

Decision of the Joint Committee of the Central European Free Trade Agreement

No. 8/2025

On the Amendment of Decision No. 8/2024 on the Recognition of AEOS Programmes

Adopted on 2 December 2025

The Joint Committee,

Having regard to the Agreement on Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement ("CEFTA 2006"), done in Bucharest on 19 December 2006, and, in particular, Articles 3(3), 25 and 27 of the CEFTA Additional Protocol 5 ("AP 5");

Having regard to Article 40(4) of the CEFTA 2006;

Having regard to Article 6(1) of the Decision of the Joint Committee of the Central European Free Trade Agreement No 1/2019 on 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 regard to Decision No. 8/2024 of the CEFTA Joint Committee on the Recognition of AEOS Programmes;

Having regard to the relevant recommendation from the Committee of Trade Facilitation;

Has decided as follows:

Article 1

Amendment of Decision No. 8/2024 on the Recognition of AEOS Programmes

- (1) To the Annex to *Decision No. 8/2024 of the CEFTA Joint Committee on the Recognition of AEOS Programmes*, the text "July 2025" shall be added after "June 2024".
- (2) A consolidated version of *Decision No. 8/2024 of the CEFTA Joint Committee on the Recognition of AEOS Programmes* is provided as an Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Entry into force

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

Adopted in Pristina on 2 December 2025 in the presence of all CEFTA Parties.

Annex: Consolidated Version of

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

**No. 8/2024
on the Recognition of AEOS Programmes**

Adopted on 9 October 2024, as amended by Decision No. 1/2025 and Decision No. 8/2025

Having regard 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 ("CEFTA 2006"), done in Bucharest on 19 December 2006, and, in particular, Articles 3(3), 25 and 27 of the CEFTA Additional Protocol 5 ("AP 5");

Having regard to Article 6.1 of the Decision of the Joint Committee of the Central European Free Trade Agreement No 1/2019 on 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 regard to Article 40(4) of the CEFTA 2006;

Having regard to the relevant recommendations from the Committee of Trade Facilitation;

Has decided as follows:

Article 1
Recognition of AEO Programmes

The CEFTA Joint Committee, on the basis of the relevant validation reports on the AEO Programmes and the advice contained therein, recognises the AEOS Programmes as provided in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2
Entry into force

This Decision enters into force on the date of its adoption.

Adopted in Belgrade, on 9 October 2024, in the presence of representatives of all CEFTA Parties.

Amended by Decision No. 1/2025, adopted in Pristina on 6 March 2025, in the presence of representatives of all CEFTA Parties.

Amended by Decision No. 8/2025, adopted in Pristina on 2 December 2025, in the presence of all CEFTA Parties.

Annex to the Decision of the Joint Committee of the Central European Free Trade Agreement on the Recognition of AEOS Programmes

The CEFTA Joint Committee recognises the AEOS Programmes that were assessed in January, February, and March 2021, June 2022, June 2024, July 2025 and for which the Validation Reports and Observers' opinions are positive.