

In order to be able to continue applying efficient import and export processes together in the future, we kindly ask you to support us on the basis of the following information.

The World Customs Organization has defined basic conditions for supply chain security. National authorities are required to transform the requirements of this set of rules into legally binding national regulations. As a result, various countries have enacted regulations on the basis of and in addition to existing security programs, if applicable, which contain optional and mandatory elements in accordance with the SAFE Framework of Standards of the World Customs Organization.

An essential element of these security requirements is the

„Authorised Economic Operator“ (AEO). (in Europe: Zugelassener Wirtschaftsbeteiligter)

This is a status granted by national customs authorities to "reliable" economic operators on request, provided that, in return, the company concerned provides evidence of the required security-related standards. The aim of the customs program is to ensure end-to-end security throughout the entire supply chain, from the manufacturer to the end user:



Hirschvogel has been certified as an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) by the customs authorities. In order to ensure supply chain security, Hirschvogel must prove to the customs authorities that their suppliers and service providers are secure within the meaning of the SAFE Framework of Standards of the World Customs Organization.

Therefore, it is necessary that you confirm one of the alternatives of the AEO Declaration on supply chain security on the following page.

For more information on the AEO and the framework of the World Customs Organization (WCO) please refer to the homepage of the European Commission:

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/general-information-customs/customs-security/authorised-economic-operator-aeo_de (language selection at the top right)

Thank you in advance for your support.

AEO – Supply Chain Security Declaration

Issued for Hirschvogel Holding GmbH (Dr.-Manfred-Hirschvogel-Straße 6, 86920 Denklingen) and its independent German subsidiaries:

- Hirschvogel Umformtechnik GmbH, Denklingen
- Hirschvogel Komponenten GmbH, Schongau
- Hirschvogel Aluminium GmbH, Marksuhl
- Hirschvogel Eisenach GmbH, Marksuhl

1. AEO-F / AEO-S – Participant of the security initiative (AEO-C alone is **not** sufficient)
We are already participants of a customs security initiative, AEO-S or the combined approvals AEO-S and AEO-C (former title AEO-F).
We will send you a copy of the certificate or provide you with our approval number.

2. Security declaration – for suppliers of production material and trade goods as well as forwarders/stock keepers

- We hereby declare, that goods, which are produced, stored, transported on behalf of Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) or delivered to or taken over by them,
 - have been produced, stored, worked on, processed and loaded at secure operating sites and secure transshipment points,
 - have been protected from unauthorized access during production, storing, working, processing, loading and transport,
- that the personnel employed for production, storage, working, processing, loading, transport and take over of such goods are reliable and
- that business partners acting on my behalf are informed that they must also take measures to secure the above mentioned supply chain.

3. Security Declaration – for companies providing services on the Hirschvogel premises or at customers' premises (on behalf of Hirschvogel).
We hereby declare that employees who work on the Hirschvogel premises are reliable and regularly checked against the applicable sanction lists.
Please note: The check can be done on the following homepage: <http://www.finanz-sanktionsliste.de/fisalis/jsp/index.jsf>

4. Security Declaration – for customs service providers
We hereby declare that employees working on behalf of Hirschvogel are reliable and regularly checked against the applicable sanction lists.
Please note: The check can be done on the following homepage: <http://www.finanz-sanktionsliste.de/fisalis/jsp/index.jsf>

5. Contract Clause
The supply chain security clause is included in the outline agreement. This is enshrined in Annex 8 Compliance.

6. Non-Relevance-Declaration
The supplier does not supply any production materials or commercial goods, nor do they provide any services at the Hirschvogel factory site or on behalf of Hirschvogel at customers.

I hereby confirm that the above information is correct, changes will be communicated immediately.

Company name: _____

Name of the signee: _____

Position: _____

Date, signature: _____

Company stamp (if available): _____

7. AEO-F / AEO-S Status planned
We intend to apply for AEO-S or AEO-F status within the next 12 months, or the application has already been submitted. This customs security initiative includes, inter alia, measures in the areas of property protection, business partner security, personnel security and information security as well as packaging and transport.

Name of the Customs Security Initiative: _____

Date of application: _____

Reference number of authority (if known): _____