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Dear Members,

The Directorate of International Customs, Government of India has invited members of the Indian Oilseeds & Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) to participate in the Indian Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Program.

The AEO Program is an initiative of Government of India to enhance security of global supply chain, promote trade facilitation, and strengthen the competitiveness of Indian Business in the global marketspace. By becoming an AEO, companies can enjoy several benefits, including simplified customs procedures. reduced examination and faster clearance and priority treatment in customs-related matters.

In addition, benefits attached with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) with other countries shall also be available to AEO-certified exporters. India has signed MRAs with many partner countries, enabling AEO-certified exporters to enjoy preferential treatment and simplified customs process in those countries as well. This further helps in improvement of competitiveness for Indian exporters in global market. More details of AEO Program and related information, guidelines, and application procedures are available on our official website i.e., <u>www.aeoindia.gov.in</u>.

To facilitate a smooth application process and address any queries or concerns related to the AEO Program, a nodal officer has been appointed in DIC as per following details:

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To view the user guide for AEO-Tier TI, Tier T2, and AEO-Tier T3, offering a step-by-step walkthrough of the application process, <u>click here</u>.

Members are requested to make use of the AEO Program.

Regards,

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