

ANNEX V
DRAFT REGIONAL ACTION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT COMESA AEO PROGRAMME
 (THE 5TH COMESA HCSC, OCTOBER 2019)

ISSUE	ACTIVITY	INDICATOR	RESPONSIBLE BODY	PROPOSED TIME
1. Legal Frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the existing national laws to have an enabling law for AEO Programme in line with COMESA and international instruments Support Member States to revise national laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on Status of National laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member States (MS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2020
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed National laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec. 2021
2. General Procedures and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Rules of Procedures (TOR) for COMESA TWG of AEO Experts which includes the mandate of the TWG and the frequency of meetings Develop Standard Operational Manuals for AEO Validators and Auditors that can be applied in line with the AEO Guidelines Develop Explanatory Notes for the Application and SAOs Review National AEO Authorization and Post Authorisation Procedures and clearance procedure (process mapping) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Rules of Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Standard Operational Manuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec. 2019 Feb. 2020
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Explanatory Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed National AEO Authorization and Post Authorisation Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb. 2020
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Explanatory Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Matrix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2020
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed National AEO benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed AEO benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2021
3. Benefits granted to AEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Matrix that indicates the criteria and benefits with the type of economic operators Review national benefits to be granted to AEO in line with COMESA standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Matrix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed AEO benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2021
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed AEO benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed AEO benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2021
4. Eligibility/Selection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the eligibility criteria in line with the COMESA AEO Guideline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed AEO benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed Criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2021
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed AEO benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed Criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2021
5. Structure and Governance of AEO Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish AEO Unit under Customs Administration Assign and submit national focal person(s) for COMESA TWG of AEO Experts to the Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established AEO Unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted Focal Person(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2020 Feb. 2020
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6. Enforcement frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the monitoring and evaluation framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed monitoring and evaluation framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed monitoring and evaluation framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec. 2020

7. Sensitization and engagement of Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish AEO requirements, criteria and benefits to the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Published information on AEO 	MS/Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 - 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitize and engage the private sector on the benefit of AEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Sector engagements 	MS/Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience sharing and on-site visit of best practices especially in the hosting MS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onsite Visits 	MS/Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitize and engage the CBRAs on AEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBRAs Engagements 	MS/Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous
8. Capacity Building and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Training Manuals on AEO and MRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Training Manual 	TWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical training to customs officers and relevant CBRAs on AEO related areas such as AEO Validation, MRA negotiation, Risk Management, PCA and Change management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainings conducted in the identified areas 	MS/Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training in AEO profiling and prioritization process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainings conducted in AEO profiling and prioritization process 	MS/Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous
9. AEO Automation and Exchange of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop regional standards for Automation of AEO procedures including the use of Unique Reference Number of AEO in line with WCO Data Model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed regional standards for Automation of AEO procedures 	TWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft COMESA Model Agreement for MRA in line with international standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted COMESA Model Agreement 	TWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2020
10. Mutual Recognition Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">