

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

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.

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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, and June 2022, and for which the Validation Reports and Observers' opinions are positive.