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Attention of all Custom House Agents, Importers, Exporters, Shipping Agents, Members of Regional Advisory Committees and Members of the Trade is invited to Circular No. 33/2016-Customs dated 22.07.2016 regarding **“Review of entity based facilitation programmes viz. Accredited Client Programme (ACP) and Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programme-Revised Guidelines”**.

2. As per CBEC Circular No. 33/2016-Customs dated 22.07.2016, the Board has decided to merge the two facilitation schemes namely Accredited Client Programme (ACP) and Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) into a combined three-tier Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programme, and also enhance the scope of these programmes so as to provide further benefits to the entities who have demonstrated strong internal control system and willingness to comply with the laws administered by the Central Board of Excise and Customs. The prominent features of the new programme are:

- i. Inclusion of Direct Port Delivery of imports to ensure just-in-time inventory management by manufacturers – clearance from wharf to warehouse.
- ii. Inclusion of Direct Port Entry for factory stuffed containers meant for export by AEOs.
- iii. Special focus on small and medium scale entities – any entity handling 25 import or export documents annually can become part of this programme.
- iv. Provision of Deferred Payment of duties – delinking duty payment and Customs clearance.
- v. Mutual Recognition Agreements with other Customs Administrations.

