

Press Release

Prepare for EMCS Phase 3 (FS2) with EMCS|XPRESS from AEB

- Third phase of Excise Movement and Control System due to go live in January 2012
- EMCS|XPRESS - an online solution for participating in EMCS



Leamington Spa, 31st August 2011 – With the third phase (FS2) of the Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS) due to go live in January 2012, AEB (International) Ltd is offering its latest version of EMCS|XPRESS, a user-friendly, scalable SaaS solution to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to execute compliant and efficient EMCS movements.

Designed to replace the previous paper-based system, EMCS is a computerised structure for recording in real-time the movement of excise goods between EU member states, which have not yet been released for consumption and for which excise duties have yet to be paid. In the UK, EMCS has been introduced in phases, with the first phase (FS0) live since April 2010 and the second (FS1) since January 2011. The third phase (FS2) is due to go into effect in January 2012, and will include enhancements which allow for the splitting of energy product movements going to multiple destinations, as well as a notification for incorrect or incomplete consignments.

EMCS|XPRESS, a simple, on-demand online application, has been developed by AEB to cater for the specific needs of SMEs and to provide businesses with convenient handling of EMCS submissions, discharges, tax warehouses and more, while ensuring full regulatory compliance and process efficiency. EMCS|XPRESS makes submitting, tracking and finalising EMCS movements both simple and affordable, through direct access to user-friendly web screens and relevant master data from ERP systems, minimal set-up investment and full-service computer centre operations without systems maintenance costs.

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AEB's EMCS solution has been recognised by HMRC and is in use at industry leading breweries, such as Marston's plc. It is available for review in free online webinars: <http://www.aeb-international.co.uk/assist4/online-demos.php>. To read more about how AEB can help manage EMCS movements please refer to: <http://www.aeb-international.co.uk/emcs/index.php>. To view the official HMRC summary on EMCS Phase 3 (FS2), please see: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/emcs/index.htm#3> and <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/emcs/emcs-january12.htm>.

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Notes to Editors

About AEB (International) Ltd

AEB is one of Europe's leading providers of supply chain logistics software, consultancy and services and has been delivering solutions to customers for over thirty years. The company has over 6,000 customers worldwide, supported by offices in the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Singapore and the US.

AEB's core product - ASSIST4 - is the comprehensive solution suite for all logistics processes in global business. ASSIST4 offers a complete set of business services for end-to-end logistics, including international goods movements, making it possible to standardise and automate business processes in supply chain execution. ASSIST4 also creates transparency and provides a reliable basis for making the right decisions about the planning, monitoring, control and continual optimisation of supply networks - even beyond the boundaries of the business. The ASSIST4 suite offers full functionality via a wide range of modules including Warehouse Management, Freight Management, Transport Management, Customs Management, Monitoring & Alerting and Compliance.

About the Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS)

EMCS (Excise Movement and Control System) is a computerised system for monitoring movements of excise goods under suspension of excise duty within the EU, i.e. for which no excise duties have yet been paid. It will replace the paper document that currently must accompany such movements (the Administrative Accompanying Document or AAD) with electronic messages from the consignor to the consignee via Member State administrations.

EMCS applies to alcoholic beverages, manufactured tobacco products and energy products (motor fuels and heating fuels, such as petrol and gasoline, electricity, natural gas, coal and coke). It applies mostly wholesalers who trade alcoholic drinks (with the exception of alcopops), such as breweries and wine merchants, tobacco growers, manufacturers of mineral oil and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). But it also affects companies in the food or pharmaceuticals industries who use alcohol in production and use the advantages of tax rebates.

The basic principle of communication in EMCS, step by step:

1. The consignor submits the draft e-AD.
2. The authorities in the member state of departure send back a checked and validated e-AD with an administrative reference code (ARC).
3. Before sending the goods, the consignor attaches the printed e-AD.
4. The member state of departure transmits the e-AD to the member state of destination.
5. The member state of destination forwards the e-AD to the consignee of the goods.
6. The excise goods reach their destination.
7. The consignee submits an acknowledgment of receipt to the appropriate authorities in the member state of destination.
8. The member state of destination validates the acknowledgment of receipt and sends it back to the consignee.
9. The member state of destination transmits the acknowledgment of receipt to the member state of departure.
10. The member state of departure forwards the acknowledgment of receipt to the consignor.

For further details about EMCS, see

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/taxation/excise_duties/circulation_control/index_en.htm.



About AEB (International) Ltd's EMCS solutions

AEB (International) Ltd offers four dedicated EMCS solutions:

- **EMCS|XPRESS** – an affordable online solution without any IT investment needed. Ideal for the quick discharge of e-Ads and the occasional submission of e-Ads.
- **EMCS|XPRESS plus** – an online solution that connects to an existing ERP system. Enables automation without any IT investment needed.
- **ASSIST4** – a practical extension of existing ASSIST4 installations to include all EMCS functionalities. Unique for its end-to-end process security and IT integration.
- **ATC :: EMCS** – an affordable plug-and-play extension to handle EMCS directly within SAP®.