

Press Release

Approaching EMCS Implementation – Tailored Solutions by AEB (International) Ltd

Warwick, 10 May 2010 – Following the launch of the Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS) on 1 April 2010, registered consignors and operators of bonded warehouses have only six months left until the scheme becomes mandatory. AEB (International) Ltd is offering four unique, user-friendly solutions to handle EMCS, each featuring a proven range of functions.



Designed to replace the current 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. From 1 January 2011, EMCS will replace the paper document that currently must accompany such movements (the Administrative Accompanying Document, or AAD) with an electronic document (the e-AAD).

Each of AEB (International) Ltd's solutions allows the user to discharge any e-AAD, regardless of the member state in which it was submitted. As a first step prior to the mandatory deadline, AEB will also enable EMCS submissions for the following member states: United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Austria, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Other countries can also be linked to EMCS thanks to AEB's established network of partners and project-driven development.

AEB (International) Ltd's dedicated EMCS solutions are:

- **EMCS||XPRESS** – an affordable online solution without any IT investment. Ideal for the quick discharge of e-AADs and the occasional submission of e-AADs.
- **EMCS||XPRESS plus** – an online solution that connects to existing ERP systems and enables automation without any IT investment.
- **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®.

For operators, EMCS creates an opportunity to optimise internal excise processes, save costs and increase shipping times, and to standardise and harmonise information flows between operators and



customs authorities. This will simplify procedures and enable paperless administration and effective use of modern IT tools - an important evolution for those who trade in alcohol, tobacco or oil products.

Mark Brannan, General Manager of AEB (International) Ltd, said: "HM Revenue and Customs has delayed the introduction of EMCS in the UK until 1 January 2011, which gives companies another 6 months to implement an appropriate solution. AEB offers four user-friendly options that enable operators to take part and benefit from the new system."

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Notes to Editors

About AEB (International) Ltd

AEB is one of Europe's leading providers of supply chain logistics software and has been delivering solutions to customers for over thirty years.

The company has over 5000 customers worldwide supported by offices in the UK, Germany, Singapore, and the US. AEB's Warwick office celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year.

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 comprehensive 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 Timelines:

- 1 April 2010: EMCS became operational
- From 1 April to 31 December 2010: Migration period
- 1 January 2011: EMCS becomes compulsory for relevant movements of excise goods

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, please visit

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

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