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Surrey, February 15–16: AEB to exhibit at Logistics Link South
 Logistics Link South 2011 brings together over 100 of the UK’s best providers of products and services for logistics and warehouse management. The industry-leading event takes place on February 15–16, 2011, at the prestigious Sandown Park Racecourse in Esher, Surrey. AEB (International) Ltd will return as an exhibitor to showcase its comprehensive supply chain management solutions portfolio at Booth 219.

Increasing efficiency. Saving costs.
 Mark Brannan, General Manager of AEB UK, says: “As supply chain managers move out of the recession, they seek to gain a competitive edge by investing in solutions that increase efficiency and, importantly, can deliver cost savings in key areas of global logistics. For many years now, AEB’s world has centered around integrated and modular solutions for foreign trade and supply chain management that meet such requirements.”

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 AEB’s proven experience in streamlining SCM processes is extensive and includes automated freight cost reconciliation, carrier labeling solutions, smart packing stations, denied-party screening, event management and more. The AEB UK team is looking forward to introducing some of its latest solutions during Logistics Link South.
 For further details about Logistics Link South, please visit www.logisticslink.co.uk.



UK Customs goes live with EMCS. AEB offers SaaS solution.

UK customs went live with EMCS Functional Stage 1 on December 20, 2010, with the first live submissions transmitted from AEB's EMCS||XPRESS system on December 22, 2010. This was nearly two weeks ahead of the European Commissions official go-live on January 1, 2011. From this date, the current paper-based procedure has completely disappeared and all movements of goods under duty suspension will be monitored by the new Excise Movement and Control System, EMCS.

EMCS||XPRESS is AEB's SaaS solution for managing the electronic message flow that surrounds the movement of excise goods within and exported from the European Union under duty suspension. As an online application, EMCS||XPRESS is quick and simple to get started with and provides an efficient, user-friendly solution for managing EMCS electronic messages.

To find out more about EMCS ||XPRESS and how AEB can help you manage your electronic EMCS movements [contact us](#) or visit our website and register for our [free trial](#).

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Ready for EMCS?

The Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS) became mandatory on January 1, 2011. *European Supply Chain Management* has published an online article featuring AEB UK General Manager Mark Brannan, who offers extensive background information. The article covers the new EMCS procedures for moving excise goods within the EU under duty suspension. It also addresses the related deadlines, the responsibilities of traders and solutions designed to optimize supply chains by making the most of regulatory requirements such as EMCS.

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HMRC Information Paper for AEO

HM Revenue & Customs has issued a Customs Information Paper (CIP) with new AEO developments:

- Changes to the AEO Self-Assessment Questionnaire for businesses applying for AEO after January 1, 2011: all AEO applications after this date must use the revised form.
- The facility for AEO-registered companies to enter reduced data elements for the Import Control System (ICS) will not initially be available when ICS goes live.
- There has been new progress on mutual recognition with Japan, the U.S. and China.
- Confirmation of the benefits of AEO status when applying for transit guarantee waivers and reductions of the guarantee amount.

The original CIP can be downloaded from the [HMRC website](#).

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How intelligent IT can speed up global processes

During the last few years there have been major changes in the way businesses interact with authorities. What are the benefits as the European Commission pushes the agenda on electronic reporting? Can companies make use of these initiatives to reduce costs and drive efficiency? Mark Brannan explains how companies can make the most of electronic customs and risk-management procedures and the general trend of global system integration along the supply chain.

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February 8-10: AEB to exhibit at LogiMAT in Stuttgart

AEB invites visitors at the LogiMAT intralogistics trade fair in Stuttgart to take a small tour of AEB's new and established IT solutions for warehouse management, freight invoice control, origin of goods and preferences, parcel shipments from SAP®, supply chain visibility and export controls. AEB solutions help businesses optimize their warehouse, shipping, transport and export processes. The AEB team welcomes current and future customers in Hall 5, Booth 261.

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March 1: AEB to take part in the Supply Chain Forum at Whittlebury Hall

The supply chain conference takes place on March 1, 2011, at Whittlebury Hall near Silverstone, Northamptonshire. Participating solutions providers are professionally assessed and then matched by the event organizers with relevant supply chain professionals based on an elaborate online profiling system.

Mark Brannan, AEB (International) Ltd's General Manager, says: "We are delighted and proud to be taking part once again in the Supply Chain Forum. This is an excellent event to keep up to date with activities in the logistics world and to network and develop business opportunities."

The Supply Chain Forum 2011 will play host to over 100 of the UK's leading logistics and supply chain professionals and over 40 top providers of logistics and supply chain solutions. Now in its fourth year, the event delivers product and service providers new business opportunities with the top end of the supply chain marketplace.

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Review: IBM workshop in Singapore

On December 7, 2010, AEB Asia Pacific teamed up with IBM to host the joint workshop "SCM Optimization through Excellence in Logistics Execution and Business Intelligence." It was well attended by current and potential clients from Singapore. Sebastian Zilm, Senior Project Manager at AEB, opened the workshop by sharing interesting insights and best-practice examples of state-of-the-art logistics execution. He explained how valuable business intelligence data can be created almost on the fly. Wee Tee Lim, ASEAN Sales Lead for IBM Cognos, followed with an impressive presentation and Cognos demo that showed how to make optimal use of business intelligence, highlighting the powerful added value of controlling operations through business intelligence.

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Publications



On the need for Asian companies to be more flexible and agile

The November 2010 issue of *Transport HUB Business Times* published an article prominently citing Dr. Torsten Mallée from AEB Asia Pacific Pte. Mallée emphasizes the need for Asian companies to think beyond the established concept of low cost production and export orientation and become more flexible and agile to ensure their competitive edge and continued market shares. Increasing demand for up-to-date supply chain processes and systems has put significant pressure on the Asian markets, especially medium-sized and small businesses, to keep up with required improvement strategies and IT investments.

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Carbon footprint reduction: separating the real deal from mere greenwashing
The December 2010 issue of *Logistics Manager* closely examines the current state and trends in CO2 reduction efforts along the supply chain. The article cites industry leaders such as Ernst & Young, DHL and March Foods and frequently quotes Mark Brannan, General Manager of AEB UK. Brannan explains the importance of looking at the full picture when analyzing sustainability improvements for one's business to avoid counter-productive measures and cost-benefit conflicts. He also notes that the data currently available to support reduction efforts is far from reliable, though current trends are good and important.
>> Read the article *Soots you, sir* online

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