Growing globalization and the changed international security situation have prompted the World Customs Organization (WCO) to create a "Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade" (SAFE) in the interests of ensuring modern and effective risk management in customs administrations. The aim is to ensure and safeguard a seamless international supply chain from the manufacturer of the goods right through to the end consumer.

The introduction of the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) status is an essential element of the EU security concept. Since January 1st 2008 the AEO status has been granted to companies domiciled in the European Union and involved in customs procedures. Entitlement thereto can be gained by reliable and accordingly certified economic operators. They play a major role in the EU security policy. Prerequisite for obtaining AEO status is, among other things, that the security-related standards required by the customs administration are observed and complied with by the enterprise in question. More information can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/policy_issues/customs_security/aeo/index_en.htm.

Holders of an AEO certificate are regarded as particularly reliable and trustworthy in terms of securing and safeguarding the supply chain, and have entitlement to certain privileges in customs clearance procedures.

thyssenkrupp rothe erde Germany GmbH achieved the status of AEO for customs simplifications, security and safety in September 2016. To maintain this status also for the future, thyssenkrupp rothe erde Germany GmbH must guarantee supply chain security. This means that all participants in the supply chain that are within thyssenkrupp rothe erde Germany GmbH's immediate sphere of influence (e.g. suppliers, customers, carriers, external service providers) must be checked in order to verify the adequacy of their security measures.

To this end, it is necessary for your company to acknowledge and sign the attached security declaration.

Should you have any queries or require further information in this respect, please do not hesitate to contact the head of our Shipment Logistics in Lippstadt, Mr. Dirk Saager, tel. +49 2941-741-3202 or dirk.saager@thyssenkrupp.com.
Security Declaration for certified AEO business enterprises

Name (Company)
Street
Postcode/City
Country
Telephone
Email

I hereby declare that: (Please check off as applicable)

☐ reliable personnel\(^1\) are employed for the activities performed at your business premises, incl. personnel from any accordingly authorized subcontractors.

OR

☐ we already have AEO-S status (“Security and safety”) or AEO-C/S status (“Customs simplifications and security and safety”).

Authorization number AEO: ____________________________

Name of authorized signatory\(^2\) ____________________________

Company stamp

Position

Signature

Date of issue (dd/mm/yyyy)

This declaration has been issued for: thyssenkrupp rothe erde Germany GmbH
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\(^1\) Reliable personnel: screening on the basis of the lists of names specified in the applicable EU antiterrorism legislation

\(^2\) Authorized signatory as per commercial register excerpt