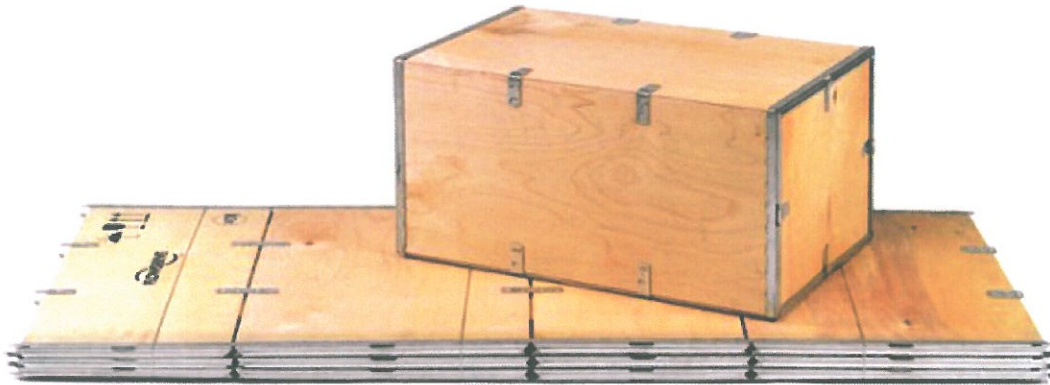


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## NO-NAIL BOXES Obtains AEO Certification



Luxembourg company, NO-NAIL BOXES (under the ALIPA Group) has obtained its Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) certification.

NO-NAIL BOXES has been producing plywood and steel folding boxes for over fifty years and is acknowledged as a reliable international trade operator and partner by customs authorities, but in order to obtain this particular certification (AEO), had to undergo an especially strict audit. AEO status is only granted if very particular conditions of reliability, solvency, compliance with safety regulations and legal requirements are met.

Stéphan Guirsch, Quality Manager of the ALIPA Group stressed that the company had to prove its good administrative management (accountancy, finance, inventories, etc.), its correct use of customs formalities (definition of goods' customs value, correct tariff classification, cargo units check, etc.), and its on-site safety from a physical and technological standpoint, in order to guarantee international logistic chain safety.

Among the various strict safety requirements is the permanent identification and control of people within the company premises. Mr. Guirsch illustrated the difficulty, saying, "Even though our premises had already been secured by 2-metre high fencing, we had to strengthen the access controls through the installation of cameras, automated sliding gates, access points with intercoms and badge readers, etc."

Being AEO-certified, however brings with it several benefits, simplifying and protecting international exchanges and boosting the marketing and use of NO-NAIL BOXES. Customs procedures and formalities are simplified and customs controls are facilitated when entering and exiting the EU.

It ensures customs authorities view NO-NAIL BOXES as a reliable, honest and trustworthy international trading partner, which in the current economic context is very important. ALIPA Group's Managing Director, Michèle Detaille concluded, saying it was essential to show that they meet all requirements at international level and expressing her delight at obtaining the certification, adding that the Group was now working to certify its other three companies – CODIPRO, LIFTEUROP and AllPack Services.

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