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Latest air cargo security threat a warning for supply chain industry

The recent discovery of an air freight bomb plot shows the vulnerability of global supply chains to disruptions from ongoing terrorist threats. Various countries have already increased security measures for air cargo from Yemen. This should be a timely reminder of the importance of anti-terrorism checks in all business processes.

It isn't just logistics service providers such as UPS or FedEx who are affected by anti-terrorism legislation governing foreign trade. In August, the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) was fined £5.6 million by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) for not making rigorous and effective checks on its customers' names against sanctions lists drawn up by HM Treasury and thus failing to ensure that its customers and their transactions were not associated with terrorism.

AEB (International) Ltd General Manager Mark Brannan explains: "An increased emphasis on security in the supply chain and tighter restrictions by government agencies around the world mean that companies are facing new business challenges in international trade. AEB (International) Ltd is perfectly positioned to help companies adhere to all applicable global trade regulations, avoid penalties for non-compliance, put the right risk management strategies and solutions in place to address these challenges and ensure uninterrupted supply chain efficiency."

To find out more about AEB's compliance solution go to www.aeb-international.co.uk/scm-solutions/compliance-risk-management.php.

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■ Foreign Trade



New EU import regulations

Effective January 1, 2011, maritime containerized goods entering the customs territory of the European Community require pre-arrival declarations to be lodged electronically by the exporter at least 24 hours before commencement of loading in the respective foreign loading port. For details and special cases, please refer to the [official publications of import guidelines applicable to traders outside the EU](#).

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EMCS: AEB offers free trial period

The electronic Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS) will replace the paper-based process effective January 1, 2011. Currently, an “accompanying administrative document” (AAD) must travel with excise goods that are moved under suspension of excise duty. With the introduction of EMCS, this paper form is replaced by electronic messages, and the transport is monitored electronically. The AAD will give way to the e-AD – electronic administrative document. AEB (International) Ltd offers companies user-friendly solutions to handle EMCS and is now offering a free trial period with EMCS access. The special offer – valid through February 28, 2011 – gives you an easy, secure and convenient way to submit and discharge e-ADs. For more information, go to www.aeb-international.co.uk/emcs/emcs-trial-offer/index.php.

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Export Controls and Compliance



Flouting the law is risky: BIS notice to exporters

A number of cases prosecuted recently have resulted in either prison sentences or confiscation proceedings, prompting the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) to remind exporters that breaching export controls is a serious criminal offense that can ultimately result in a prison sentence.

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is the enforcement authority and is responsible for prosecuting a company or individuals who are exporting illegally without a licence. Cases are prosecuted by the Central Fraud Group within the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

For comprehensive advice on export controls, including help applying for a license or information on current embargoes, see www.businesslink.gov.uk

These latest prosecutions include that of a Lancashire businessman jailed for eight months for illegally exporting dosimeters to Iran ([notice to exporters on www.bis.gov.uk](#)). Another case involved a former corporal in the Royal Marines who knowingly exported high-tech sniper scopes to Iran ([read details here](#)).

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On U.S. re-export law

United States export law is the only national export law that claims extraterritorial jurisdiction. U.S. authorities assert a worldwide claim to control the commercial trade of American products and technologies. That's why even non-American companies who export are regularly confronted with the provisions of U.S. export controls. The critical question for non-American exporters is whether a U.S. permit is required for a particular export.

Export Buyer introduces AEB's Export Controls module, in particular its components based on U.S. Export Administration Regulations (EAR), and further elaborates on the comprehensive regulatory compliance requirements for trading with the U.S. and appropriate solutions to support smooth operations.

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News and Events



November 30: seminar on managing supply chains at Walton Hall Hotel, Warwickshire

AEB – in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport (CILT) – invites logistics and supply chain managers to join a conference entitled “Managing Supply Chains – Moving

Beyond the Recession” to take place at Walton Hall Hotel, Warwickshire, on November 30, 2010. Topics include the latest trends in supply chain performance evaluation, smarter transportation contracts and freight cost control strategies. Speakers include Professor Alan Slater, Visiting Professor of Logistics, University of Huddersfield; and Frederik Verzele, Transportation Manager BE & UK, Federal-Mogul.

A detailed agenda and link to the registration form can be found at the [CILT website](#). The conference is free for members and costs £20 for non-members.

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Singapore, December 7: workshop on improving transportation services
AEB Asia Pacific Pte is partnering with IBM and Avnet to host a joint workshop on December 7, 2010, in the IBM City Centre in Singapore. The first part of the workshop focuses on how to optimize supply chain execution and source real-time information. The second part examines how BI data helps when negotiating contracts with transport service providers, thereby saving money and improving performance.

Sebastian Zilm, Senior Project Manager of AEB Asia Pacific, will be introducing AEB’s supply chain management solutions, which are designed to streamline logistics processes and increase supply chain efficiency through visibility and control.

To register for this workshop, please contact Ms. Yaty Saleh at yaty.saleh@aeb.com.sg.

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UK Office moves from Warwick to Leamington Spa

AEB (International) Ltd will be moving to new premises on January 1, 2011. AEB’s new home is a modern business center in Leamington Spa – only a short distance from its current location – and will serve as an excellent base for continued development.

With a strong product portfolio and growing customer base, AEB UK looks set to capitalize on its first ten years of business in the UK. The outlook for AEB in the United Kingdom is very promising indeed. Strong financial results in recent years have enabled the AEB group of companies to continue pursuing its product diversification and internationalization strategies. Known for years as an export documentation specialist, AEB UK has significantly broadened its product range over the years to encompass end-to-end supply chain management and visibility.

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— Publications



On warehousing: ***Supply Chain Digital*** cites AEB expert

The November 2010 issue of *Supply Chain Digital* focuses on how warehousing is adapting to the dynamic changes of global supply chains. The feature story “Global Sheds – The Backbone of Supply Chain” prominently quotes Gursh Atwal, Sales Manager of AEB, elaborating on the ever greater importance of visibility and interconnectivity with critical supply chain partners such as suppliers, customers and service providers.

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On freight cost control: ***Freight Business Journal***

The October 2010 issue of *Freight Business Journal*, in its article “[Is it time to tame the paper tiger?](#)” quotes AEB UK General Manager Mark Brannan on the challenges facing businesses today in freight invoice control and processing.

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