

# **Current Situation of** **Japan's AEO Program**



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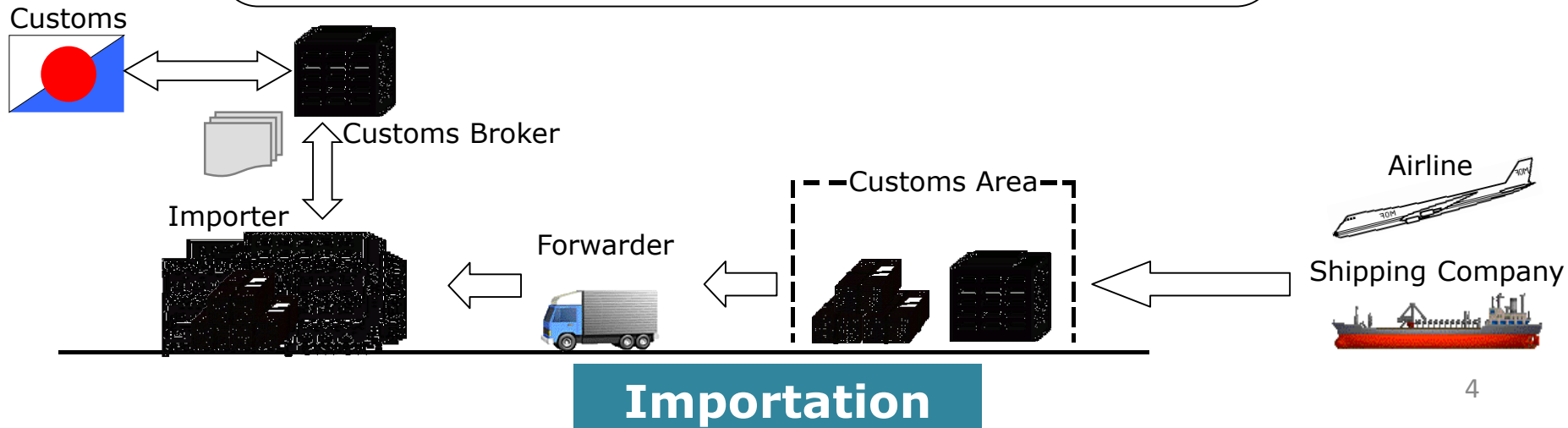
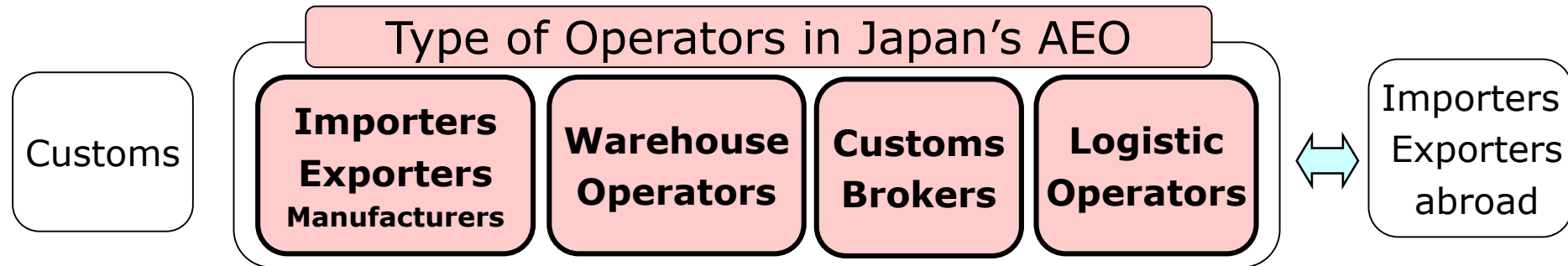
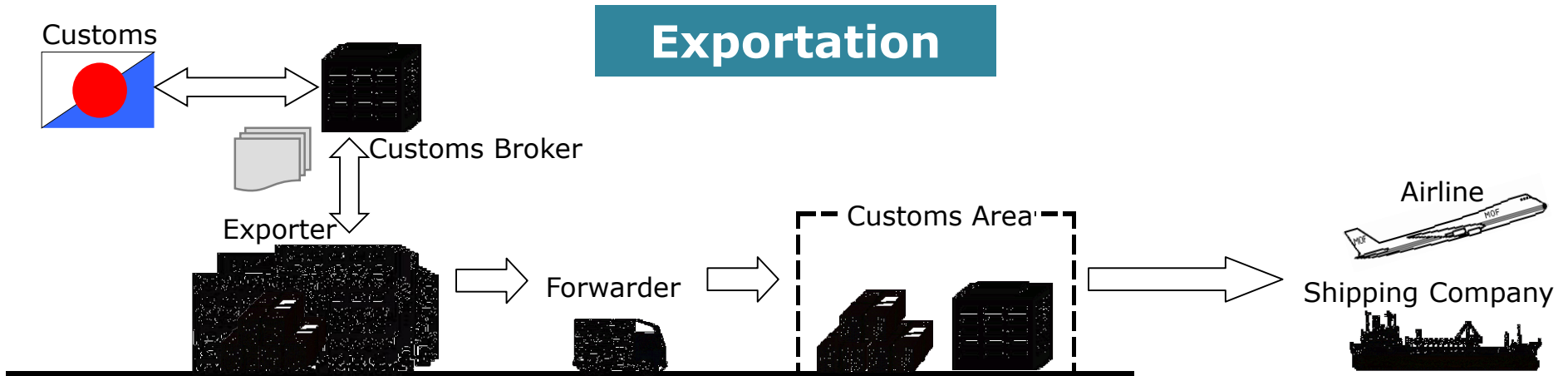
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# 1. Japan's AEO Program at a glance

# Scope of Japan's AEO Program

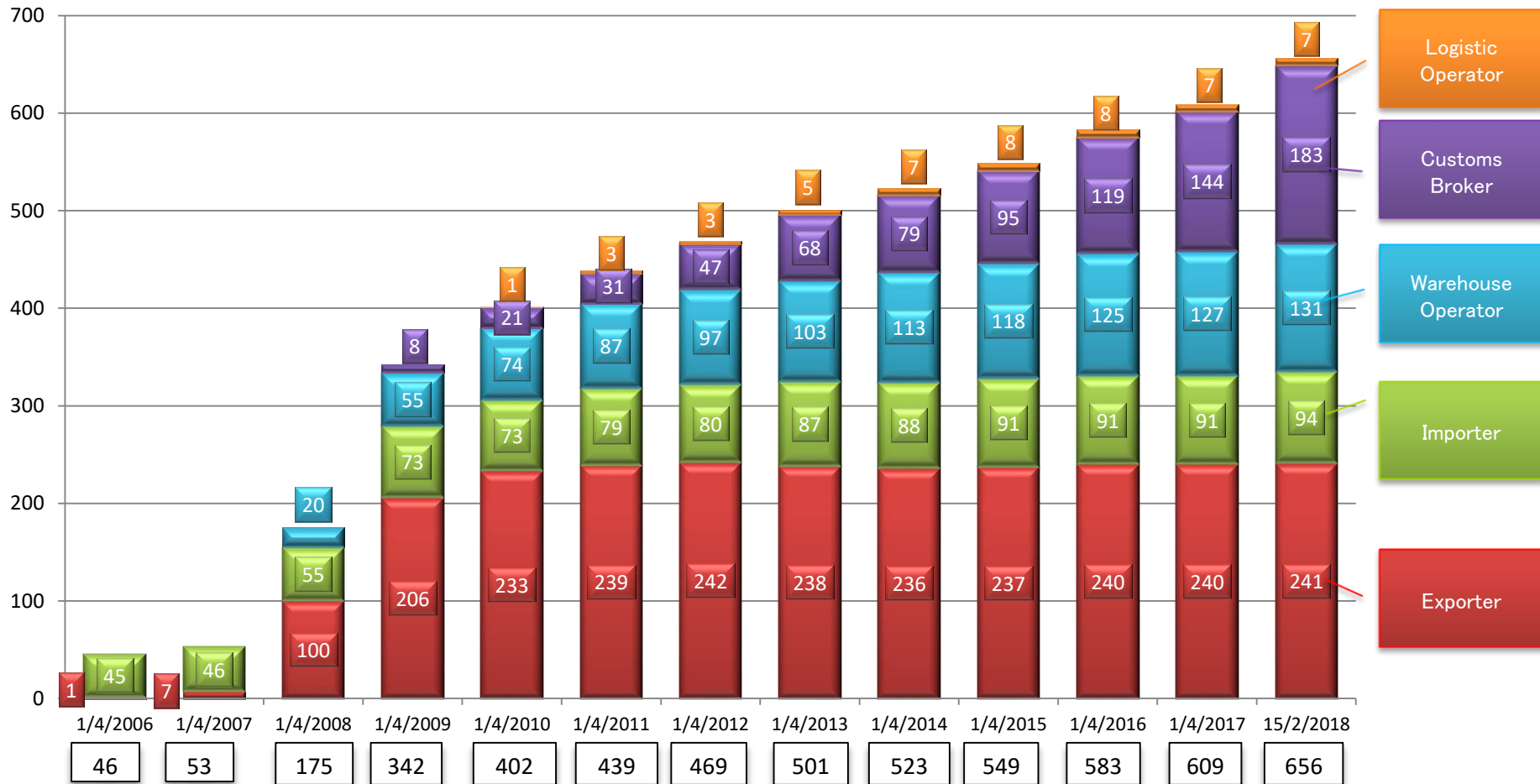


(as of February 15, 2018)

Exporters	241 Exporters
Importers	94 Importers
Warehouse Operators	131 Warehouse Operators
Customs Brokers	183 Customs Brokers
Logistic Operators	7 Logistic Operators

**Total: 656 AEOs**

# Transition in the Number of AEOs



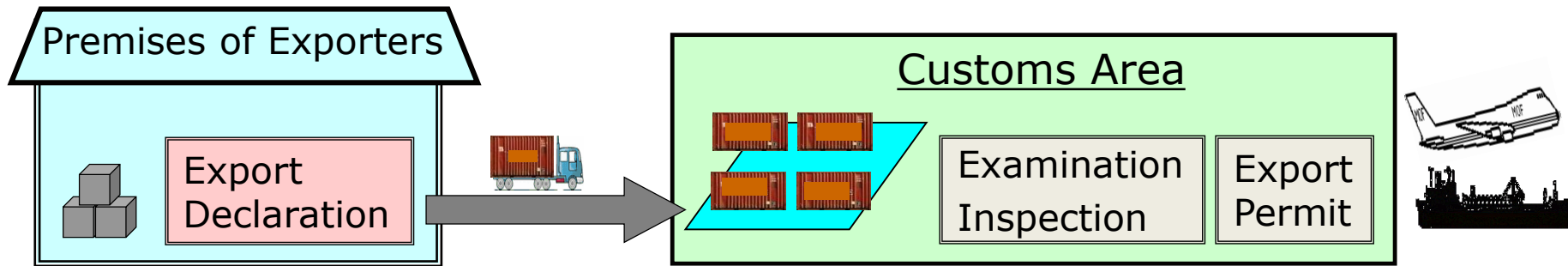
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## 2. Benefits & Impact

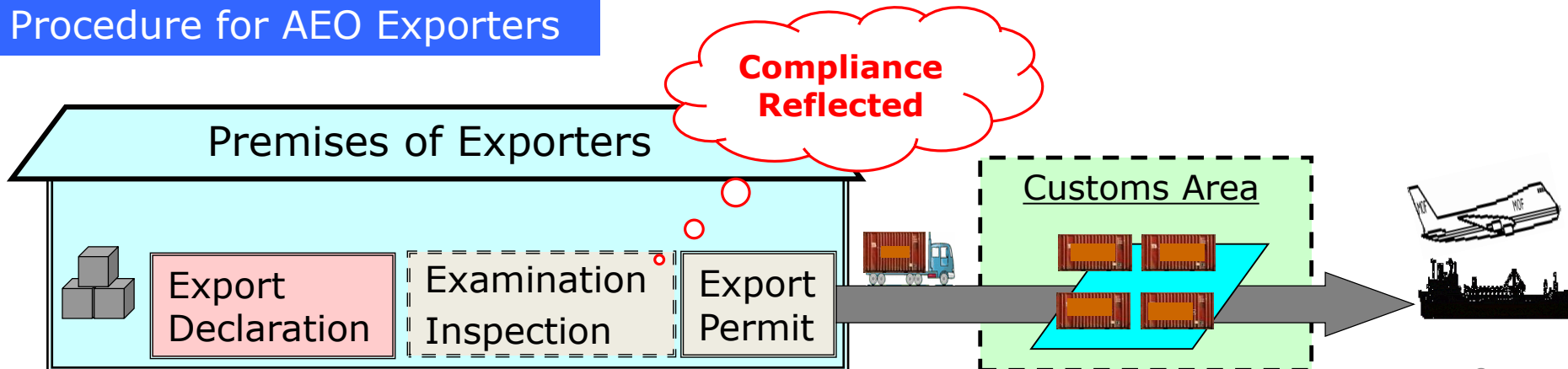
# Benefits of Japan's AEOs: Exporters

- Export procedures are completed while keeping the cargo in their own premises
- Compliance-reflected reduced examination and inspection

## General Procedure



## Procedure for AEO Exporters

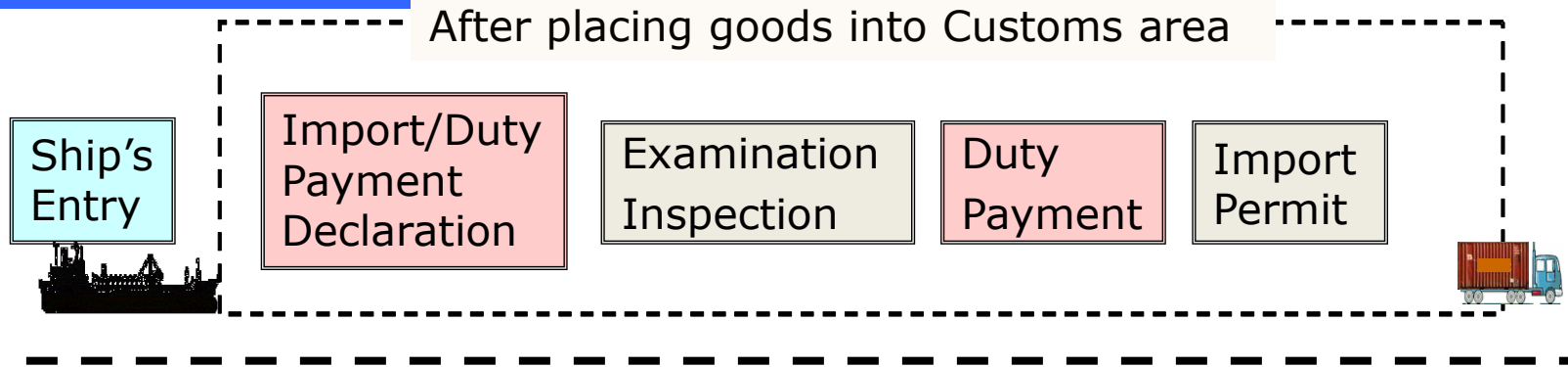




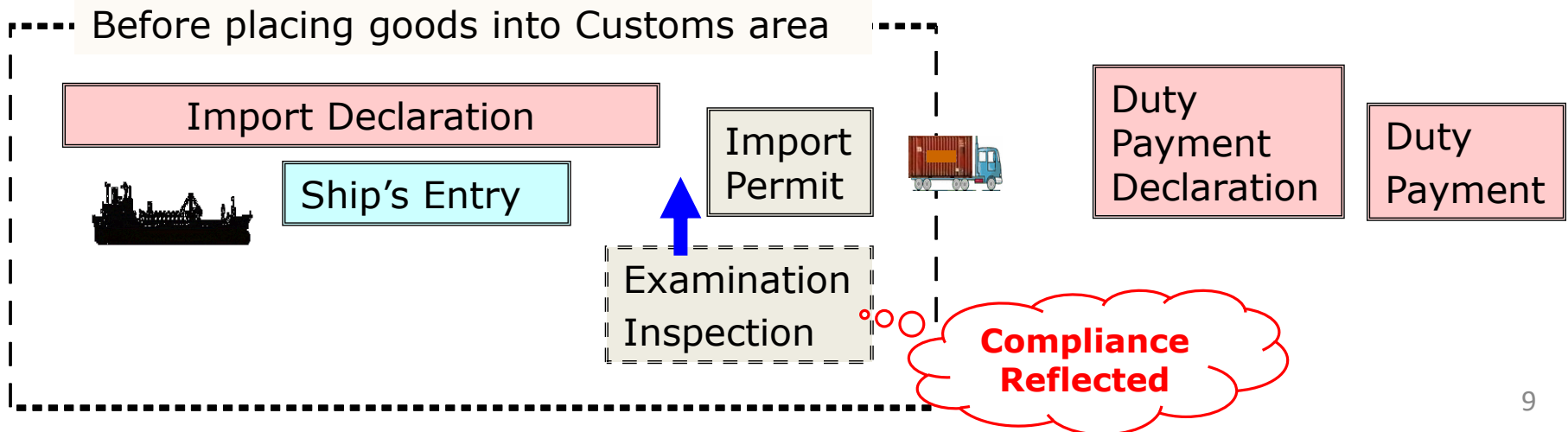
# Benefits of Japan's AEOs: Importers

- Pre-arrival lodgment of import declaration and permission
- Compliance-reflected reduced examination and inspection
- Release of cargo before duty/tax payment declaration and duty/tax payment

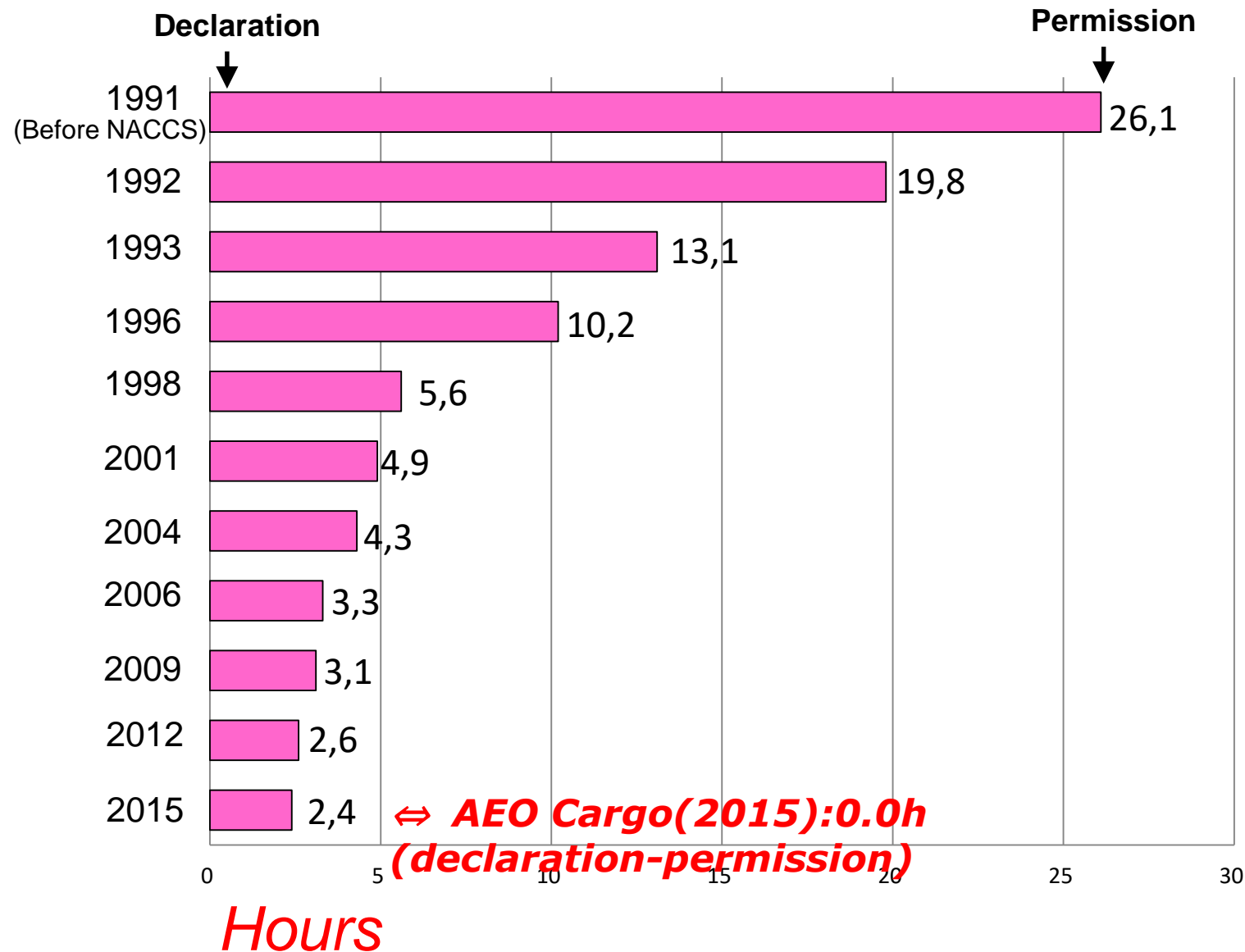
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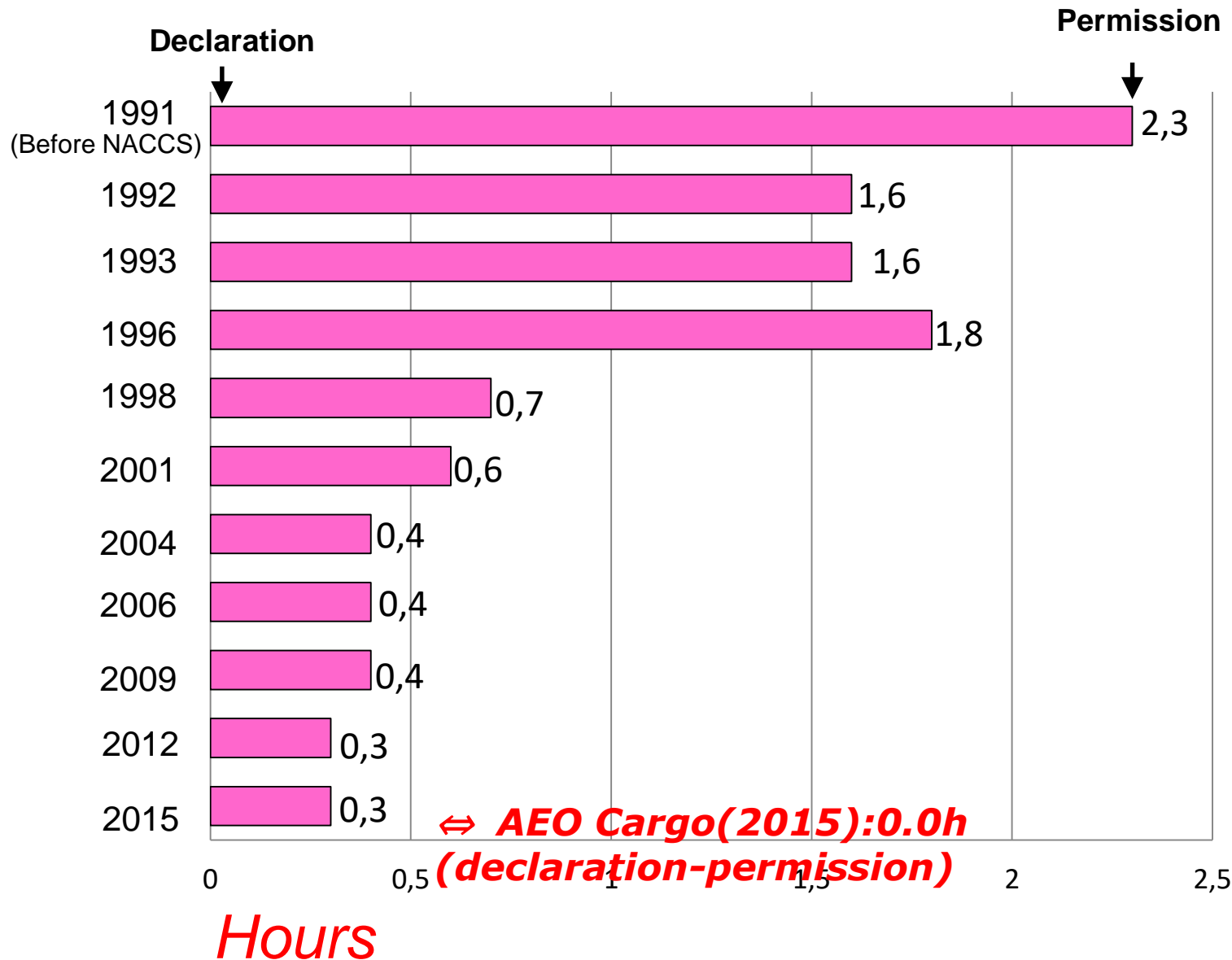
## Procedure for AEO Importers



## *Time Release Study on Imported **Sea Cargo-***



## Time Release Study on Imported **Air Cargo**-



# AEO Program leads to :

- Reduction of Lead time and Cost
- Improving predictability of the logistics of own cargos
- Enhancing the information sharing system
- Improving the accuracy of work
- More efficient internal control
- PR to get a contract

Etc.

## 3. MRA Current Status

## Signed MRAs

Date	Country
May 2008	New Zealand
June 2009	USA
June 2010	Canada
June 2010	EU
May 2011	Korea
June 2011	Singapore
June 2014	Malaysia
August 2016	Hong Kong

## 4. Challenges

- Maintaining and improving the level of security and compliance of AEOs
- Increasing the number of AEOs including SMEs
- Increasing MRA utilization rate



## 5. AEO in Tripartite (JP-CN-KR) Framework

## **Collaboration on AEO under TCHM (Tripartite Customs Heads Meeting) among Japan-China-Korea**

AEO “Action Plan”

- MRAs among the three Customs Administrations
- Cooperation in Multilateral Fora (WCO, APEC, etc.)

## **AEO WG under TCHM**

- Possible Future Multilateral Collaboration on MRAs

## **Bilateral: Japan-Korea**

- Work on Raising the Level of MRA Utilization

## **Bilateral: Japan-China**

- Progress made for Japan-China AEO MRA

## 6. Technical Cooperation on AEO

# Contribution to Global AEO Program Development & MRA Network through TC Programs



- Sharing Japan's experience & Advice on AEO Operation
  - How to establish & develop AEO program
  - Approval & Monitoring process
  - Site visit to share operation of AEO Program
  - Challenge and Resolution
  - Improvement of AEO Program already established

Past WS : Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand etc.  
Forthcoming WS : UEMOA

*Thank you!*

