

Comprehensive Certification: Goals reached. In pole position for global business

EU guidelines successfully implemented: The Jowat AG is certified as AEO (F) (Authorised Economic Operator) and also meets the EU requirements for Chemical Substances (REACH).

Detmold.- Business relations with customers and suppliers based on trust, plus safe production processes – this has been standard for the Jowat AG from Detmold even before the respective EU directives became law. Now it's official: Jowat is one of the first 500 German companies certified by the Customs Authorities as AEOs = Authorised Economic Operators. And Jowat also guarantees its customers compliance with the Chemicals directive of the EU named REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals).

The Jowat AG from Detmold is a globally operating supplier of industrial adhesives, and as such its export percentage is high: Over 60 % of the adhesive products manufactured by Jowat are processed outside of Germany. On this international field, it is a matter of course for Jowat to cooperate proactively with national and international authorities or government offices. Since January 01, 2008, companies which are registered in the European Union, and which are involved in customs transactions, had the opportunity to become certified as Authorized Economic Operators – AEOs. The goal is here to ensure an uninterrupted global supply chain and protect it from manipulation – from the goods manufacturer to the end user.

At the Detmold location, the Jowat AG instantly seized this opportunity when it came up in 2008 and forwarded all documentation required for certification. The mid-sized company successfully passed the audit in 2009: As of December 31, 2009, Jowat has received the mark of excellence, becoming an "Authorized Economic Operator AEO (F)". The customs authorities regard companies which hold this certificate as exceptionally reliable and trustworthy. They therefore enjoy special privileges in customs checks for safety matters, and may take advantage of simplified customs clearance procedures. "We could celebrate on this New Year's Eve", states Bernd Tiemann, responsible at the Jowat AG for Customs Coordination and head of the AEO project. "We recognized the certification early on as chance to carry out an internal monitoring of our operation processes, and we are very satisfied with the result." The certificate confirms this view: The Jowat AG received the most

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Press Release

"The AEO certification plus the timely implementation of the REACH regulation are both important steps for us to make the Jowat AG recognized as global supplier and trustworthy business partner on the market," states Ralf Nitschke, Member of the Board of Directors for Production, Finances and Human Resources of the Jowat AG.

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Introducing Jowat

<p>The Jowat AG with headquarters in Detmold is one of the leading suppliers of industrial adhesives. These are mainly used in woodworking and furniture manufacture, in the paper and packaging industry, the textile industry, the graphic arts, and the automotive industry. The company was founded in 1919 and has manufacturing sites in Germany in Detmold and Zeitz, plus three other producing subsidiaries, the Jowat Corporation in the USA, the Jowat Swiss AG, and the Jowat Manufacturing in Malaysia. The supplier of all adhesive groups is manufacturing over 70,000 tons of adhesives per year, with around 650 employees. A global sales structure with 15 Jowat sales organisations plus partner companies is guaranteeing local service with close customer contact.</p>

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