



GEODIS GAINS EXTENDED CUSTOMS AUTHORIZATION

GEODIS has secured authorization for its Aprilia, Italy site as “an authorized location for the presentation of goods and use as temporary deposit” from SOT (Sede Operativa Territoriale, Regional Customs Office in Italy), in accordance with recently introduced European Customs regulations.

The authorization assures GEODIS customers of increased security for their goods and enhances the logistics operator's market competitiveness.

In May of last year, the provisions of EU Regulation no. 952/2013 came into effect and resulted in an evolution of the Italian customs code. A large degree of simplification, based on greater digitalization of dialogue between companies and the Customs authorities, is aimed at reducing clearance times and providing external users with traceability of the import/export cycle.

After a long and thorough assessment period, the Customs Office gave its approval to the GEODIS site at Aprilia, verifying that the company meets all the required standards, from practical knowledge of documentation procedures to requirements for security, compliance and tax obligations.

As a result of attaining the authorization at Aprilia GEODIS is able to offer its customers a more seamless and efficient supply chain service and the facility will now go on to apply for AEO (Authorized Economic Operator) status. AEO is the highest recognition that the Customs authority grants. From 2020, AEO will cease to be optional and will become a requirement for logistics operators in the international environment.

As Dario Sordelli, Operations Director of the Contract Logistics Line of Business of GEODIS in Italy says: *“In a market context that requires very high knowledge of regulations, we are pleased to have obtained this authorization. Our aim is to continually improve performance at the heart of our operations. The Aprilia site in rising to the challenges set by the new Customs Code is fulfilling this aim”.*

GEODIS' Aprilia site has always been enthusiastic in adopting innovation and in the implementation of dedicated added-value services to offer its customers. The latest customs authorization is part of the specialized customs services that sit alongside traditional logistic activities, as well as domestic and international transport services and mark the site as one of particular growth potential within the GEODIS network.

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GEODIS is a Supply Chain Operator ranking among the top companies in the field in Europe and the World. GEODIS, owned by SNCF Logistics, which in turn is a business line of the SNCF Group, is ranked as the number four logistics provider in Europe and number seven at a worldwide level. GEODIS is also listed as a “Leader” in Gartner's 2016 Magic Quadrant of Worldwide 3PLs. GEODIS' reach includes a direct presence in 67 countries and a global network spanning over 120 countries. With its five Lines of Business (Supply Chain Optimization, Freight Forwarding, Contract Logistics, Distribution & Express, and Road Transport), GEODIS manages its customers' Supply Chain by providing end to end solutions enabled by over 39,500 employees, its infrastructure, its processes and systems. In 2016, GEODIS recorded €8 billion in sales.

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