



Press Release

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## SPI Lasers

(“SPI” or “the Company”)

### **SPI Lasers achieves AEO status.**

SPI Lasers, the UK based designer and manufacturer of fiber lasers, has announced it has achieved a mark in quality with Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status, demonstrating effective security and customs compliance within our supply chain in the face of a post-Brexit Britain.

This accreditation is part of SPI Lasers’ Brexit contingency planning, with the goal being to aid frictionless trade with the EU and ensure customers worldwide continue to receive prompt delivery of their products.

Michelle Staniland, Import & Export Services Manager for SPI Lasers, commented:

*“Providing our customers with the highest levels of service and support is a mantra throughout SPI; we believe achieving AEO status is a positive step in ensuring we maintain a first-class logistics offering for all our customers. In a post Brexit world, AEO status is another step in our ‘customer focused’ strategy ensuring we have made every effort to minimise the risk to our customers’ exports.”*

The AEO concept is based on the Customs-to-Business partnership introduced by the World Customs Organization (WCO). Traders who voluntarily meet a wide range of criteria work in close cooperation with customs authorities to assure the common objective of supply chain security and are entitled to enjoy benefits throughout the EU and in countries enjoying mutual recognition such as China, Japan and US.

For more information on AEO status visit: [https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/general-information-customs/customs-security/authorised-economic-operator-aeo/authorised-economic-operator-aeo\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/general-information-customs/customs-security/authorised-economic-operator-aeo/authorised-economic-operator-aeo_en)

To find out more about SPI Lasers visit [www.spilasers.com](http://www.spilasers.com).

### **About SPI Lasers**

SPI Lasers, a wholly owned subsidiary of the TRUMPF Group, is a leading designer and manufacturer of Fiber Lasers for use in materials processing applications in a wide range of industries. Our technology solves manufacturing problems; it moves the boundaries of what is possible, making good products better and enabling new designs. Headquartered in Southampton, United Kingdom, SPI Lasers has been operating since 2000. SPI Lasers sells its products globally, and has its major business operations, including research and development, and manufacturing, in the United Kingdom, with additional sales and customer support locations in Asia and North America. For more information please visit [www.spilasers.com](http://www.spilasers.com) or for information on TRUMPF [www.trumpf.com](http://www.trumpf.com)

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