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CHRONOPOST SECURES THE STATUS OF APPROVED ECONOMIC OPERATOR

Paris, 23 June 2009 – Chronopost announced that it had received dual certification as an Approved Economic Operator [French: Opérateur Economique Agréé (OEA)] both for the simplification of its customs procedures and for its safety/security management from the French Customs & Excise authority.

This OEA status, which has been in force since 1 January 2008, was implemented by the European Union to strengthen the security of the international logistics chain and the level of protection offered by customs inspections to goods entering or leaving the territory of the European Union.

This status is recognised in the entire European Union and is used to distinguish between EU operators whose accounts, customs and logistics management, but also safety/security risk prevention measures, present unimpeachable guarantees in terms of quality and reliability. The OEA dual certification was awarded to Chronopost pursuant to a series of in-depth audits carried out by the customs authorities which ascertained that the company meets all these requirements.

Chronopost, a trustworthy player

As a customs broker, Chronopost has been working for many years with the French customs authorities, particularly as part of the campaign against forgery.

The OEA status thus represents a recognition of the efforts made by the company in securing its flows at a European level and will enable Chronopost to position itself as a trustworthy partner for the customs authorities.

By becoming one of the first French transporters to secure this status of Approved Economic Operator, Chronopost has demonstrated that it provides a high level of security to its customers and enables them to benefit from a series of bespoke advantages by streamlining and by accelerating the processing of their international traffic, both export and import.

For more information about the status of Approved Economic Operator, visit the website of the [Douanes Françaises](http://Douanes.Françaises).

About Chronopost

Founded in 1985, Chronopost is France's leading player active in the express delivery of parcels weighing up to 30 kg to both businesses and consumers, worldwide. As a subsidiary of GeoPost, the Parcels and Express Delivery holding company of the La Poste group, Chronopost employs 3,500 people, handles 250,000 parcels each day and had a turnover of 637 million euros in 2008. In France Chronopost has a network of 76 operational sites including 6 hubs. Chronopost serves more than 230 countries in Europe and worldwide.

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