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C-TPAT Exporter Entity

U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) will begin accepting applications from exporters for participation in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT). This effort is consistent with the National Export Initiative to facilitate export cargo shipments. Exporters who have been certified, validated, and are in good standing as an Exporter Entity, can receive the benefits listed below:

- **Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA)**: Participants may receive heightened facilitation from foreign partners, depending on the Mutual Recognition Arrangements in place.
- **Marketing**: Companies are confident that C-TPAT partner cargo is more secure.
- **Reduced Examination Rates and Time**: C-TPAT exporters will receive trade facilitation benefits, including prioritized examination over non-C-TPAT members.
- **Priority Processing**: C-TPAT shipments are moved ahead of any non-C-TPAT shipments.
- **Business Resumption**: Actions are taken to maintain communication and coordination with C-TPAT partners during shipping disruptions.
- **Access to Individually-Assigned C-TPAT Supply Chain Security Specialist (SCSS):** Each C-TPAT partner is assigned a SCSS who is available to assist the partner with questions regarding supply chain security.
- **Eligibility to Attend C-TPAT Training and Seminars:** Such as the annual C-TPAT conference which provides opportunities to network with other C-TPAT members.
- **Access to the C-TPAT Portal System:** C-TPAT's portal provides a means of communication with the assigned SCSS and various multi-media security materials.
- **Common Standard**: Application of a common set of security requirements facilitates international trade by minimizing the duplication of efforts and procedures.



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Exporter Entity Eligibility Requirements

Entities that wish to participate in the C-TPAT Exporter program must meet the program's definition of an exporter as well as meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be an active U.S. exporter out of the U.S.
2. Have a business office staffed in the U.S.
3. Be an active U.S. exporter with a documentable:

   a. Employer Identification Number

   or

   b. Dun & Bradstreet number

4. Have a documented export security program and a designated officer or manager who will act as the C-TPAT program main point of contact. Additionally, the participant should have an alternate point of contact if the regular point of contact is unavailable.
5. Commit to maintaining the C-TPAT supply chain security criteria as outlined in the C-TPAT exporter agreement.
6. Create and provide CBP with a C-TPAT supply chain security profile that identifies how the exporter will maintain, and enhance internal policy to meet C-TPAT exporter security criteria.
7. In order to be eligible the exporter must have an acceptable level of compliance for export reporting for the latest 12-month period and be in good standing with U.S. departments of the Federal Government such as: Department of Commerce, Department of State, Department of the Treasury, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Department of Defense. ■

Note: Nothing in the information provided above restricts CBP's legal authority and discretion to take any action(s) it deem necessary to administer and enforce laws within CBP's jurisdiction.

For more information on the C-TPAT program, please visit: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/ctpat/

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