

CUSTOMS TRADE PARTNERSHIP AGAINST TERRORISM (CTPAT)

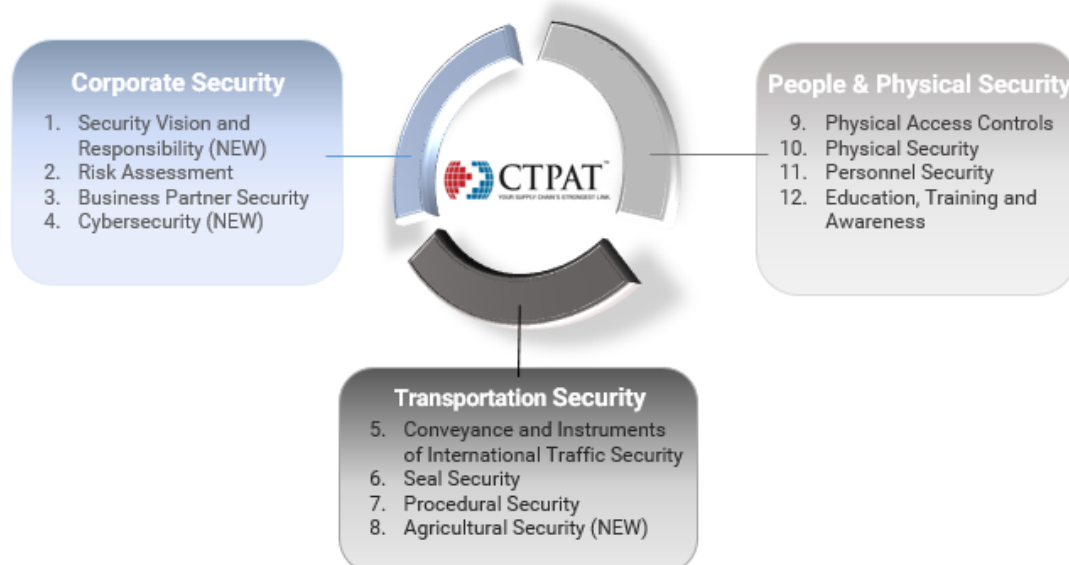
The CTPAT program was implemented in November 2001 in response to terrorist threats against the United States, including the September 11th terrorist attacks. CTPAT is a voluntary program designed for Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to partner with the trade community to strengthen international supply chains to reduce security risks to U.S. citizens, the economy and the environment.

BEST PRACTICES FRAMEWORK

- Senior Management Support – Leadership must commit to the time and resources for program application and maintenance, continuous improvements, and innovation.
- Evidence of Implementation – Proof that security measures are in place through observation and documentary evidence.
- Innovative Business Process & Technology – Increase automation and efficiencies.
- Documented Process – Documented supply chain security procedures manual that ensures consistency and continuity of program management.
- Checks, Balances, and Accountability – Internal and external audits to identify supply chain vulnerabilities and risks and corrective action plans.

MINIMUM SECURITY CRITERIA

In order to be accepted into the CTPAT program, trade members must be able to meet specific security requirements. CBP has defined the Minimum Security Criteria (MSC) specific to each eligible member.





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As a voluntary supply chain security program based on trust, CTPAT is open to members of the trade community who can demonstrate excellence in supply chain security practices and who have had no significant security related events.

- Rail Carriers
- Exporters
- Importers
- Sea Carriers
- Air Carriers
- Customs Brokers
- Highway Carriers
- Mexican Long Haul Highway Carriers
- Marine Port Authority & Terminal Operators
- Consolidators
- Foreign Manufacturers (Canada & Mexico only)
- Third Party Logistics Providers (3PL)

PROGRAM BENEFITS

CBP CTPAT MEMBER BENEFIT	OTHER REALIZED BENEFITS
Reduced number of CBP examinations	Supply chain predictability
Front of the line inspections	Savings of exam and storage charges
Shorter wait times at the border	Strengthened Relationships with Business Partners
Possible exemption from Stratified/Intensive Exams	Ability to assess own security vulnerabilities and risks
Customs Supply Chain Security Specialist (SCSC)	Stronger Internal Controls
Access to the CTPAT web-based Portal, Public Document Library, and Training	Greater internal cross-functional commitment
Access to the Free and Secure Trade Lanes (FAST) at the land borders	Reduced cargo theft and pilferages
Business resumption priority following a natural disaster or terrorist attack	A safer work environment for employees

APPLICATION, VALIDATION, AND MAINTENANCE

PREPERATION

- Conduct a comprehensive self-assessment of supply chain security including the [Minimum Security Criteria](#) for your business type.
- Conduct a Risk Assessment using the [CTPAT 5 Step Risk Assessment](#) guide

APPLICATION

- Submit the CTPAT application with Company and Security Profile
- A CTPAT Supply Chain Security Specialist (SCSS) assigned to the company to review the application, profile, and to provide program guidance.
- CBP will validate the company's security measures within a year of certification



VALIDATION AND REVALIDATIONS

- In addition to an initial validation of the company security profile, facilities, and foreign suppliers and manufacturers, CTPAT members will undergo program Revalidations every three to four years.

CTPAT PORTAL

- Members will be required to review and update the Company and Security Profile annually.