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Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)

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The Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT) is a joint government-trade initiative to build relationships to strengthen the overall supply chain and border security. The Customs Service is asking business partners to implement improved physical security practices and communicate them throughout their entire supply chain. C-TPAT is an initiative recognizing Customs cannot provide a high level of security without involving the supply chain owners.

All supply chain providers and stakeholders are impacted and should be analyzed. Written guidelines and controls must be evident and demonstrate a review and upgrade of security measures, including the following:

- Procedural and Physical Security
- Personnel Security (including Education and Training)
- Access Controls and Manifest Procedures
- Conveyance Security

The C-TPAT program identifies requirements and recommendations for Air Carriers, Brokers, Importers, Manufacturers, Land Carriers, Sea Carriers and Warehouse Operators. The process requires a comprehensive third-party assessment or validated self-assessment of the entire supply chain. It also requires all service providers and vendors within your supply chain(s) to build these guidelines into operations impacting the global movement of your goods. You must provide written documentation demonstrating the guidelines have been implemented and can be verified within your facilities, and that you are encouraging your partners to comply.

According to Customs, the chief benefits of participation in C-TPAT will be:

- A reduced number of inspections (reduced border times);
- An assigned account manager;
- Access to the C-TPAT membership list;
- Eligibility for account-based bimonthly/monthly payments;
- An emphasis on self-policing, not Customs verifications;
- Eligibility for participation in various other Customs programs;
- General benefits of enhanced security, which may in the future reduce certain insurance/bond policies

Perhaps more importantly, participants also avoid the consequences that may occur if they do not "volunteer." Such non-participation will likely result in classification of the importer into an "unknown" security category, and accordingly the chances increase for:
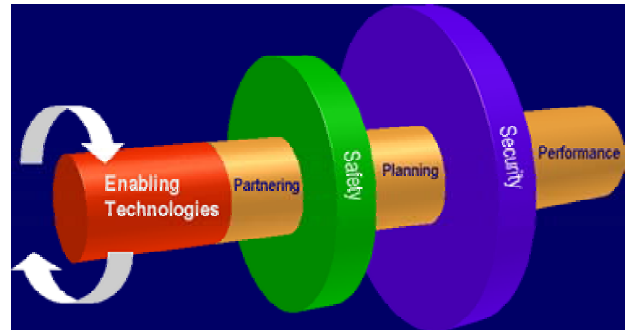
- Higher cargo scrutiny;
- Increased reviews and inspections;
- Added examinations;
- More requests for information; and
- No guarantee of cargo processing times.

Aanko Technologies Inc. will assist you in compliance and acceptance to this program. Our C-TPAT Solutions is a complete Defense-In-Depth, Scan, Surveillance and Solution Process that incorporates Aanko Technologies' proprietary Strategic Vulnerability and Productivity Assessment (SVPA$^©$) System. The SVPA$^©$ System looks simultaneously at all process interdependencies so that security and safety are evident and permeate your materials flow, with multiple process benefit improvement options that are cost analyzed first and recommended over single process fixes. Our assessments of your internal partnerships and vendor relationships will demonstrate compliance to this stringent initiative.

The SVPA$^©$ System links visibility of products and stakeholder safety and security concerns of suppliers, producers and customers. We plan and partner with your team, guiding the transition towards sustainable supply chain performance and revenue enhancement. We use enabling technologies to review, analyze and recommend options for:

- Supply Chain Reviews; security reviews of supplier, producer and customer supply chain interdependencies

- Facilities and Warehousing; includes assessment of facility infrastructures, to include surveillance and HVAC systems, high value material handling and segregation procedures

- Shipping and Receiving Review; includes review of visitor, vendor and plant access control, and documentation for transfer of goods

- People; includes review of new-hire methodology, personnel access to corporate or logistical documentation and review of employee awareness and training programs on terrorism, safety and security, driver reporting practices and driver identification

- Information Infrastructure and Data Protection; includes e-commerce processes, penetration testing, security policy review and training verification, receiving and shipping reconciliation, seal verification and control, driver routing, driver reporting and driver change notice practices, review of scanning, order picking and allocation procedures in automated loading and put-away environment, and advance shipping notices and reconciliation practices

- Knowledge Base; includes emergency procedures review for bomb threats, work place violence, in-transit deviations, trailer and manifest creation and reporting, and seal and seal control procedures at both origins and destinations, route selection; escort selection and security enhancements for increased trailer and cargo security, and catastrophic event identification

We provide written recommendations for identified vulnerabilities, which may include new secure supply chain management technology, facility security improvements, and / or personnel security enhancements to create a culture of security and safety within your supply chain. Once completed, the requirements for C-TPAT are in place for the execution of your Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Customs.

Aanko Technologies brings more than 100 years of combined experience and success in security consulting for site and logistics, and a superior standing within the Department of Defense, and the Aviation, Chemical, Transportation and Banking Industries. Our professionals also have excellent relationships with legislative and regulatory agencies at the federal, state, and local level.

Don't let security impact your supply chain. Discover Aanko Technologies and **Turn Risk into Revenue$^©$.**