

Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Trusted Trader Subcommittee

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Action Required:

- CBP continues to make great progress in its work with the COAC's Trusted Trader Subcommittee in updating C-TPAT's minimum security criteria.
- The program's security criteria requires review and updating to ensure that it is reflective of CBP's overall mission, the current supply chain environment and the threats that the global supply chain faces today.
- A working group comprised of about 50 individuals representing the equities and interests of the entire supply chain spectrum was created. Many of our COAC representatives have been part of the discussions, webinars and face to face meetings that have taken place since this working group was created in April of 2016.
- Director Schmelzinger briefed the senior leadership on the progress of this project and my understanding is that we have reached a good level of consensus with the requirements that have been discussed and that the members of the working group were given an additional opportunity earlier this month to provide the program office with any additional comments and suggestions.
- C-TPAT will continue to further refine the criteria requirements by the end of this month and finalize the working group's product. At this point, the criteria is not ready to be released to the trade community at large.
- CBP provided an update to the membership at large during the C-TPAT conference in Detroit in August 2017.

Background:

- A COAC Working Group under the COAC's Global Supply Chain Subcommittee was created in April 2016 to address the program's criteria update.
- The working group is comprised of six teams, with each team addressing a specific set of requirements or issues proposed by CBP. The first step of this project was the discussions by the 6 teams of the original drafts submitted by CBP. This was followed by two meetings in Washington DC, and six webinars following those meetings. The issues discussed by the teams included:

- ✓ Security Measures to Counter Agricultural Pests and Diseases / Personnel Issues
- ✓ Cybersecurity Issues
- ✓ Non-IT Security Technology
- ✓ Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Issues / Risk
- ✓ High Security Seals and Highway Carrier Issues
- ✓ Security Management and Administration

Next Steps:

- Once the program office has finalized the Working Group's product, C-TPAT will socialize the proposed requirements with a wider audience. The program has asked the COAC to identify the most effective way to accomplish this. CTPAT has agreed to at least a three month period to further socialize the criteria with the trade.
- The program is in the process of finalizing an implementation plan. This plan calls for the criteria to be implemented on a phased approach beginning in the first quarter of FY19.

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