



CTPAT basic security statement

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. While each application to the CTPAT program is considered on an individual basis, applicants need to take into account that if issues of concern do exist, they may result in CBP determining the applicant to be ineligible for participation in the program.

Importer Eligibility Requirements

- Be an active U.S. Importer or Non-Resident Canadian Importer. Active is defined as having imported goods into the U.S. within the past 12 months.
- Have and maintain an active U.S. Importer of record (IOR) number in one of the following formats: U.S. Social Security Number, Internal Revenue Service assigned ID(s), or CBP assigned Importer ID.
- Have and maintain a valid continuous import bond registered with CBP and operate a business office staffed in the United States or Canada.
- Designate a company officer that will be the primary cargo security officer responsible for CTPAT.
- Sign the “CTPAT-Partner Agreement to Voluntarily Participate” and demonstrate commitment to the obligations outlined in this Agreement. This document is signed by a Company officer when the company applies for CTPAT membership via the CTPAT Portal.
- Complete a supply chain security profile in the CTPAT Portal, identifying how the company meets and maintains the Program’s MSC for U.S. Importers.
- Maintain no evidence of financial debt to CBP for which the responsible party has exhausted all administrative and judicial remedies for relief, a final judgment or administrative disposition has been rendered, and the final bill or debt remains unpaid at the time of the initial application or annual renewal.

Exporter Entity Eligibility Requirements

- Be an active U.S. Exporter.
- Have a business office staffed in the U.S.
- Have an Employer Identification Number (EIN), or a Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number.
- Designate a company officer that will be the primary cargo security officer responsible for CTPAT.
- Sign the “CTPAT-Partner Agreement to Voluntarily Participate” and demonstrate commitment to the obligations outlined in this Agreement. This document is signed by a Company officer when the company applies for CTPAT membership via the CTPAT Portal.
- Complete a supply chain security profile in the CTPAT Portal, identifying how the company meets and maintains the Program’s MSC for U.S. Exporters.
- Have an acceptable level of compliance for export reporting for the latest 12-month period and be in good standing with U.S. Regulatory agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Commerce, State, Treasury, and Defense; and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.
- Maintain no evidence of financial debt to CBP for which the responsible party has exhausted all administrative and judicial remedies for relief, a final judgment or administrative disposition has been rendered, and the final bill or debt remains unpaid at the time of the initial application or annual renewal.