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CUSTOMS – TRADE PARTNERSHIP AGAINST TERRORISM C-TPAT PROGRAM

C-TPAT is a voluntary government-business initiative to build cooperative relationships that strengthen and improve overall international supply chain and U.S. border security. C-TPAT recognizes that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can provide the highest level of cargo security only through close cooperation with the ultimate owners of the international supply chain such as importers, carriers, consolidators, licensed customs brokers, and manufacturers. Through this initiative, CBP is asking businesses to ensure the integrity of their security practices and communicate and verify the security guidelines of their business partners within the supply chain.

C-TPAT offers trade-related businesses an opportunity to play an active role in the war against terrorism. By participating in this first worldwide supply chain security initiative, companies will ensure a more secure and expeditious supply chain for their employees, suppliers and customers. Beyond these essential security benefits, CBP will offer benefits to certain certified C-TPAT member categories, including:

- A reduced number of CBP inspections (reduced border delay times)
- Priority processing for CBP inspections. (Front of the Line processing for inspections when possible.)
- Assignment of a C-TPAT Supply Chain Security Specialist (SCSS) who will work with the company to validate and enhance security throughout the company's international supply chain.
- Potential eligibility for CBP Importer Self-Assessment program (ISA) with an emphasis on self-policing, not CBP audits.
- Eligibility to attend C-TPAT supply chain security training seminars.

CBP recognizes that a safe and secure supply chain is the most critical part of our work in keeping our country safe. For this reason, CBP is seeking a strong anti-terrorism partnership with the trade community through C-TPAT. Trade partners will have a commitment to both trade security and trade compliance rooted in their business practices. CBP wants to work closely with companies whose good business practices ensure supply chain security and compliance with trade laws.

CBP encourages all companies to take an active role in promoting supply chain and border security. C-TPAT is not just a big-company program. Medium and small companies may want to evaluate the requirements and benefits of C-TPAT carefully in deciding whether to apply for the program.

For More Information: Contact Industry Partnership Programs at (202) 344-1180 or fax (202) 344-2626 or email CBP, at industry.partnership@dhs.gov or contact Griffin & Company Logistics at (952) 854-2600 or fax (952) 854-2603 or email us at c-tpat@wlgiffin.com

As a certified and validated member of C-TPAT Griffin & Company Logistics is strongly committed to this program and in order to ensure you are aware of the benefits of membership please complete the following.

- I would like Griffin & Company Logistics C-TPAT Senior Corporate Representative to contact me in regard to this program.
- I would like Griffin & Company Logistics to contact me at a later date to discuss this program. _____
- I am not interested at this time. (Months from now)

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____