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EMO Trans – CTPAT Outreach Letter

EMO Trans, Inc. is a certified participant in the Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (CTPAT) program. CTPAT is a voluntary, joint government-business initiative to build cooperative relationships that strengthen the overall supply chain and border security. Every person who is involved in logistics, distribution or supply chain management will be impacted by ongoing efforts to create a more secure global trading system. Traditionally, the approach to cargo security was focused on keeping in the box the goods that were supposed to be in the box. Now, the focus is to ensure that things that are not supposed to be in the box are actually kept out of the box. CTPAT members are now expected to be able to demonstrate that all aspects of this process are under control throughout the supply chain.

One of the CTPAT requirements is to educate our supply chain partners whether they are a CTPAT member or not on the criticality of having security procedures in place at the point of stuffing, procedures to inspect, properly seal and maintain the integrity of the shipping containers and trailers.

For CTPAT members, effective 2020, all foreign stuffing facilities, such as foreign suppliers and/or foreign consolidators, MUST conduct A) security and B) agricultural inspections of empty conveyances and IIT.A) The seven/eight-point inspection process for empty containers prior to the loading of cargo as well as the seventeen-point inspection process for all trailers/tractors and B) Pest contamination inspection (identification & removal of pests ((inside, platform around container stuffing area, bottom of container, surface that container/chassis sits on or replacement of container, if pest removal cannot be accomplished) and inspection of doors, hasps, handles, rods, rivets, brackets, container locking mechanism to detect tampering & inconsistencies prior to attaching the seal.

CTPAT expects Customs Brokers to educate their supply chain partners, whether they are a CTPAT member or not on: (a) Security procedures critical to minimize incidents from occurring and (b) How to investigate an incident (their business partners in their supply chain).

Some of these include having procedures in place at the point of stuffing and inspection, properly sealing (ISO seals), maintain the integrity of the shipping containers and trailers as well as prevention of Forced Labor and having international standards in place for Wood Packaging materials "WPM."

Failure to implement these procedures could be detected during a targeted or random inspection and may lead to seizures, delays, confiscations, heavy penalties, CBP targeting on future shipments and penalties to the shipper.

Crucial elements of a secure supply chain consist of the sealing of trailers and containers and MUST include continuous seal integrity. These seals MUST meet or exceed the current ISO 17712 standards for high security.

All loaded U.S. bound containers and trailers MUST have an ISO 17712 high-security seal affixed. The new ISO seal number is: 17712:2013. When CTPAT companies transition to this new seal, they should request documentation (lab reports) to confirm that the purchased seals comply with the new standard. The Customs Broker "CB" will input the seal numbers on full container load delivery orders "DO" and instruct truckers (if selected by the CB and/or the freight forwarder-if the same Company), to verify the



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seal number before picking up the imported containers. If the trucker is selected by the Importer and/or the freight forwarder (if different from the CB), we would recommend that you do the same. If there is any discrepancy in seal numbers between DO and the physical seal, verify the seal number against the BOL and if it is still incorrect, please contact the CB to see if the container had been inspected. If there is no inspection, then the importer should verify the physical seal number with the shipper. If there is no explanation, then this should be reported to CBP and the importer's Supply Chain Security Specialist "SCSS", if they are a CTPAT member.

We also strongly recommend that the importer inform the container stuffing location overseas to take photos when container is clean (no pests) empty, half full, stuffed and sealed.

The business partner MUST institute procedures for recognizing and reporting compromised seals to CBP or the appropriate foreign authority.

Some CTPAT links that you may find of interest, whether you are a CTPAT member or not, are as follows: (Please note that many of the items listed below, apply to the Importer, even if they are NOT a CTPAT member. We have seen that violation of these, which could be detected during a targeted or random inspection, could result in seizures, delays, confiscations, heavy penalties and CBP targeting on future shipments).

If you are interested in learning more about this, joining the CTPAT program, or if you are a member, maintaining your status, especially with the new 2020 annual review, or preparing for validations, we introduce you to and recommend you contact EMO Trans, Inc.

Thank you.

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Additional CTPAT Resources:

1. CTPAT Minimum Security Criteria (by category below):

- <u>https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/ports-entry/cargo-security/c-tpat-customs-trade-partnership-against-terrorism/apply/security-criteria</u>
 - <u>Air Carriers</u>
 - <u>Consolidators(Air Freight Consolidators, Ocean Transport Intermediaries, and Non-Vessel</u> <u>Operating Common Carriers (NVOCC)</u>
 - Customs Brokers
 - Exporters
 - Foreign Manufacturers
 - Highway Carriers
 - Importers
 - Long Haul Highway Carriers in Mexico
 - Marine Port Authority and Terminal Operators
 - Rail Carriers
 - Sea Carriers
 - <u>Third Party Logistics Providers (3PL)</u>

2. CTPAT Resource Library and Job Aids:

- <u>https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/ports-entry/cargo-security/c-tpat-customs-trade-partnership-against-terrorism/c-tpat-resource-library-and-job-aids</u>
 - <u>7-Point Container Inspection Checklist</u>
 - 17 Point Inspection Checklist
 - Anyone Can Be a Hero CTPAT Poster
 - Business Partner Screening & Monitoring Log Sample
 - <u>CCTV Checklist Sample</u>
 - Company Property Issuance & Removal Checklist Sample
 - <u>Conveyance Tracking & Monitoring Log Sample</u>
 - Cybersecurity Checklist Sample
 - Dispatch Log Sample
 - Driver Log Sample
 - Flatbed Trailer Inspection Checklist Sample
 - Internal Audit Sample
 - Master Seal Inventory & Audit Sample
 - Overage/Shortage/Discrepancy (OSD) Log Sample
 - Personnel Hiring Checklist Sample
 - Personnel Training Checklist Sample
 - Seal Security Procedures
 - <u>Virtual Validation Sample Agenda and Roadmap</u>
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 - Visitor Log Sample





3. CTPAT Resources (all items are "clickable" to download):

- VVTT Seal Inspection Process
- Report Suspicious Activity: <u>https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2016-</u> <u>Mar/ctpat-report-suspicious-activity.pdf</u>
- Container Seal Inspection: <u>https://www.normanjaspanassociates.com/wp-</u> content/uploads/2019/07/ContainerTrailerandSealInspectionProcedures.pdf
- <u>CTPATs-TBML-(Trade Based Money Laundering)-Warning Indicators</u>
- HSI TBML -(Trade Based Money Laundering) CTPAT 2019 Conference
- HSI PGA Forced Labor CTPAT
- Internal Conspiracy -ENG and Internal Conspiracy
- <u>2018 CTPAT Internal Conspiracy</u>
- Non-Compliance Wood Packing Material
- Different types of Acceptable WPM Markings
- PEST CONTAMINATION SOUTHERN BORDER
- PEST CONTAMINATION SEAPORT
- PEST CONTAMINATION NORTHERN BORDER
- PEST CONTAMINATION RAIL
- How to Protect your Network from Ransomware
- Seal Procedures for CTPAT member and their Supply Chain Partners
- Who Protects Your Mail
- <u>Recognize the Signs of Terrorism</u>
- Suspicious Mail Or Packages
- <u>CTPAT's Glossary of Terms</u>

