

C-TPAT Facility Security Assessment Services

Leverage provides auditing and advisory services to meet supply chain regulations and requirements.

What is C-TPAT

After 9/11, United States of America and US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) started to be concerned with possibility of terrorists using a global supply chain to turn cargo container shipment into weapons via import/export operation.

C-TPAT is a joint US government and business voluntary program to construct supportive relationships that strengthen the global supply chain and border security by improving security in regards to transportation of goods, cargo, and persons during the course of the commercial shipping process. It also seeks to safeguard the world's vibrant trade industry from terrorists, maintaining the economic health of the U.S. and its neighbors.

Companies who are seeking to be C-TPAT compliant must have a documented process for determining and alleviating risk throughout their international supply chain. This allows companies to be considered low risk, resulting in expedited processing of their cargo, including fewer Customs examinations.



What are the benefits of C-TPAT

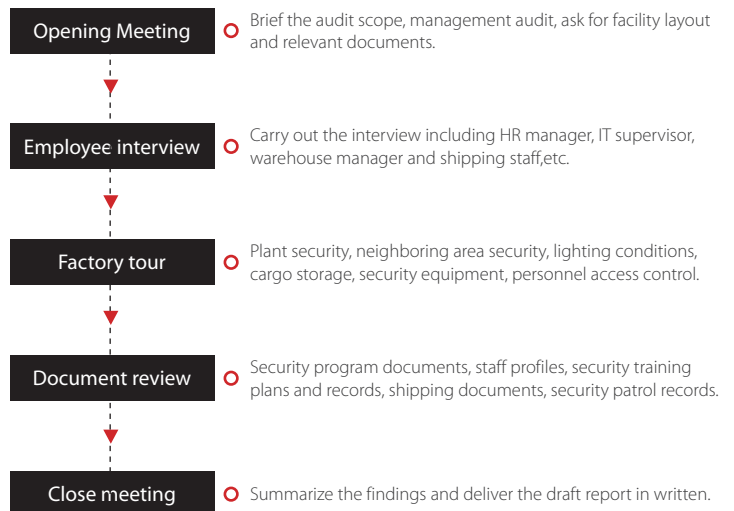
Benefits to manufacturers

- Demonstrate compliance with C-TPAT rules
- Fast lane cargo processing into US, shorten custom declaration time
- Risk mitigation against unexpected security risk & delays
- Brand protection
- Shortening "time to market"
- Minimise supply delays & increase stock turns

Benefits to buyer/importers

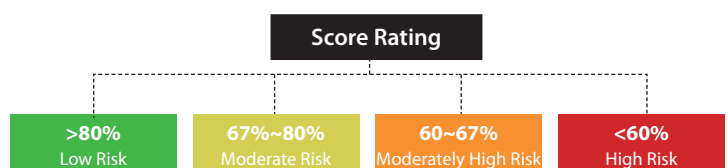
- Know who you are doing business with
- Work together to ensure your suppliers are security compliant and aware of your company's expectations.
- Report any suspicious activities.
- Make C-TPAT a continually growing program within your organization.

C-TPAT Audit Process



Score Rating of C-TPAT assessment

The result of C-TPAT assessment and risk level is normally determined by buyers, Leverage adopts the assessment criteria from various of buyers and comes up with 4 different results according to the risk levels. This helps buyers/brands quickly identify the supply chain risks of their suppliers and take corresponding actions.



C-TPAT Key areas

Leverage perform security audits against all Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT global and regional requirements) ensuring.



Outside Barriers and Physical Security



Factory Internal Security



Factory Employee Security



Shipping Dock Security



Key and Seal Controls



Security Processes



Container and Merchandise Movement



Computer Systems Security and Controls



Examples of the areas for which US Customs provides recommendations are:

- Procedural Security**

Procedures for the movement of goods to protect against shipments being tampered with or unmanifested goods being introduced into the supply chain.

- Physical Security**

Construction and material make up of buildings, entrance security, lighting, etc., for purposes of preventing unlawful entry.

- Access Control**

Procedures to prevent unauthorized access to facilities and conveyances

- Personnel Security**

Employment screening and background checks, and disciplinary measures for personnel that breach security.

- Education and Training**

A program to train employees regarding security awareness, cargo integrity, and procedures for reporting discrepancies.

- Manifest Procedures**

Procedures to ensure manifest accuracy and timeliness.

- Conveyance Security**

Conveyance integrity to protect against unauthorized personnel, unmanifested materials, or tampering.

Some clients who accept C-TPAT

- COSTCO
- JCPENNY
- KHOL'S
- Sara Lee
- Daimler-Chrysler
- TRU
- TJX
- Best Buy
- Sanmar



Ensure consistency of customer demand



Reduce loss of goods



Strengthen Competition Advantage



Brand protection



Mitigate the risk of property loss



Help improve supply chain management skill



Strengthen worker's security awareness



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