

CTPAT Program Minimum Security Criteria (MSC) for Importers

Requirements:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Have and maintain a valid continuous import bond registered with CBP and operate a business office staffed in the United States or Canada.
4. Designate a company officer that will be the primary cargo security officer responsible for CTPAT.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.