

CTPAT Program Minimum Security Criteria (MSC) for Sea Carriers

Requirements:

1. Be an active Sea Carrier that transports shipments internationally (within the last year) into the United States.
2. Have a business office staffed in the United States.
3. Have an active Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) Vessel-Operating Common Carrier (VOCC) Number in the following format: ##### FMC VOCC Number.
4. Have an active U.S. National Motor Freight Traffic Association issued Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) in the following format: ##### SCAC Code (4 Alpha Characters).
5. Possess a valid continuous international carrier bond registered with CBP.
6. Designate a company officer that will be the primary cargo security officer responsible for CTPAT.
7. Have a company representative at each seaport where the carrier operates for CBP to contact.
8. 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.
9. Complete a supply chain security profile in the CTPAT Portal, identifying how the company meets and maintains the Program's MSC for Sea Carriers.
10. 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.