



U.S. Supply Chain Consulting (USSCC) is a consulting company specialized in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Our chief consultant has been working on C-TPAT since its inception, with excellent field knowledge in the U.S. and overseas.

We understand even after five years the C-TPAT program is still a difficult topic for a lot of companies. With newly issued security requirements and guidelines, the C-TPAT program is moving toward a sophisticated, complex level; hence, to master and to stay on top of the subject matter is a daunting task. You need an expert to point you to the right direction and guide you through the tangled regulations.

USSCC offers professional services to assist U.S. importers and companies that do business with the U.S. to meet the increasingly stringent import security requirements. These services include:

USSCC Service Offerings

- ❑ C-TPAT Membership Application
- ❑ C-TPAT Program Development & Execution
- ❑ Policies & Procedures Creation
- ❑ On-site Security Evaluation & Assessments
- ❑ C-TPAT Validation Consulting
- ❑ Security Training & Education

C-TPAT Memberships Application

- Facts founding, information gathering
- Analysis, compilation, application submission
- Improvement recommendations

On-site Security Assessment

- Physical audit of facility security performance
- Analysis, troubleshooting, and corrective actions

C-TPAT Program Development

- Design program based on needs and situation
- Execution assistance
- Result monitoring and follow up

Security Training & Education

- In-house
- Supply Chain partner site
- Seminar

C-TPAT Validation Consulting

- Validation preparation
- Field visit preparation

Polices & Procedures Creation

- Develop policies and procedures to meet C-TPAT requirements
- Execution monitoring



What is C-TPAT?

C-TPAT, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, is part of a major U.S. security initiative created after the September 11 incident in 2001. The goal of this program is to partner U.S. businesses with the government to strengthen the security of business processes that bring overseas products to the country. The program started with seven founding members in 2001 and in five years its memberships exceeds 10,000 and still growing.

C-TPAT members include U.S. importers, licensed U.S. customs brokers, air, sea, railroad, highway carriers, airfreight consolidators, ocean transportation intermediaries, NVOCC, U.S. port authorities / terminal operators, and foreign manufacturers. C-TPAT is a voluntary program and the U.S. government is intended to keep it this way for the time being.

Although C-TPAT is a U.S. security initiative and its membership has not extended to overseas yet to a large extent, there are plans to open the membership to overseas businesses. Nevertheless, many businesses outside of U.S. particularly manufacturers are willingly or unwillingly participating in the C-TPAT program through their U.S. customers. It is because C-TPAT members are required to security their supply chain, which means member companies must ask their overseas vendors, suppliers, manufacturers, service providers to abide with the C-TPAT security requirements. If a C-TPAT member fails to comply with the security requirements, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can suspend the member's benefits or even disqualify the member; the result could be devastated. Therefore, when C-TPAT member importers search for overseas sourcing partners, they require these potential business partners to comply with C-TPAT security requirements as a pre-requisite for business relationship.

In addition to the U.S. other countries are tighten up their import security in recent years. In June 2005 the World Customs Organization (WCO) issued the "Framework of Standards To Secure and Facilitate Global Trade" for its 166 member countries; this is the WCO version of C-TPAT; in fact, the document has a lot of C-TPAT elements inside. Hence, whether one is doing business with the U.S. or with the European Union, having good security measurements is a key to obtain business.

Good security measurements are good business practices; it makes sense!

What are the C-TPAT Security Requirements?

C-TPAT members must adhere to a set of security requirements. They are:

- Business Partners Requirements
- Container Security
- Physical Access Controls
- Physical Security
- Procedural Security
- Personnel Security
- I.T. Security
- Security Education and Awareness

C-TPAT members must also make sure their domestic and overseas supply chain partners are complying with the security requirements.



USSCC Service Offerings and Fees

➤ **C-TPAT Membership Application**

- **Full Service Application**

Project based

USSCC performs all necessary application steps from information gathering to application writing to submission.

Price includes all forms and questionnaire needed for information gathering, field visit to company headquarters, analysis of data and information, application writing, and submission.

- **D0-It-Yourself C-TPAT Membership Application**

\$4,950.00

USSCC provides full set of forms, questionnaires, and step-by-step instructions to guide client through the application process.

This service is ideal for clients who have sufficient knowledge about the C-TPAT program, familiar with the application process, and have time to handle the application.

- **Partial Service C-TPAT Membership Application**

Project based

USSCC can assist clients during any stage of the C-TPAT application. Service fee depends on the scope and scale of the project. Please contact us for more details.

➤ **Security program development and execution**

Project based

USSCC can create a tailored-made C-TPAT security program that will comply with C-TPAT requirements and fit a client's specific needs. A typical security program includes risk assessment of the business, annual check up of client's security program as well as assessment of supply chain partners' security programs, policies and procedures implementation, and training.

➤ **Policies and Procedures Creation**

From \$1,750.00

Policies and procedures are keys to a successful C-TPAT program; unfortunately it is also a weakness for many businesses. USSCC is an expert in polices and procedures documentation. We create polices and procedures in according to client's actual operating environment and needs. Typical polices and procedures include, general security policy / guidelines, access control procedures for employees, visitors, and delivery vehicles, container inspection procedures, security seal handling procedures, receiving and shipping procedures etc.



➤ **On-site Security Evaluation and Assessment** **\$1,100.00**

C-TPAT requires members to conduct annual security assessment. USSCC highly recommended C-TPAT members to conduct security assessments on facilities where goods are manufactured and consolidated on annual basis. This is the simplest way to fulfill the requirement. This service includes physical visit of the designated facility and an assessment report.

➤ **C-TPAT Validation Consulting** **Project Based**

C-TPAT validation happens within 3 years after a company becomes a C-TPAT member. A successful validation requires a lot of preparation and organization. Our C-TPAT Validation service guides you through the whole validation process, make recommendations and ease your stress. Fees depend on scope of project.

➤ **Security Training** **\$1,750.00**

The one area that needs most attention but often neglected due to insufficient knowledge. A successful security program requires continuous training and education. The designed program will be doomed if participants lack the required knowledge. USSCC can assist clients with their security training. Price is per day per 50 participants.

For further information about C-TPAT or USSCC services, please feel free to contact us.