

THE FACTS ON CTPAT

What CTPAT Membership Means & Why it Matters for Your Business.

As a leader in CTPAT Consulting & Automation, people often ask us, "Why should we join CTPAT?" *Our answer is simple...*

Whether you are an importer, consolidator, or customs broker, the ultimate value of CTPAT Membership is *legitimacy*.

Obtaining CTPAT Certification provides objective proof that your company has invested the time and effort to implement practices that make you a top-of-the-line business partner. Specifically, it demonstrates that the people you employ are well-trained, the data you manage is powerfully safeguarded, and the cargo you ship or handle is optimally protected.

SUPPORTING PARTNERSHIPS FOR STRONGER SUPPLY CHAINS.

COMPLIANCE, UNCOMPLICATED.

WHAT IS CTPAT?

U.S. CUSTOMS SAYS:

"The Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) is a multi-layered cargo enforcement strategy.

Through this program, the CBP works with the trade community to strengthen international supply chains and improve United States border security.

CTPAT is a voluntary partnership program (no annual cost), which recognizes that the highest level of cargo security can only be provided through close cooperation with principle industry stakeholders."

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

CTPAT CERTIFICATION BENEFITS

***1.** Bigger, Better Business Opportunities.

Most Fortune 1000-level companies require their business partners to belong to CTPAT and confirm their participation via the CBP's Status Verification Portal as a standard part of the bid evaluation process.

Completing CTPAT Certification inherently opens your organization up to larger business opportunities because it provides tangible assurance that your company exceeds operational & compliance expectations.

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***2.** Minimize Disruption When Disaster Strikes.

In the aftermath of a natural disaster, state of emergency, or pandemic, the time it takes to return to "business as usual" can make or break a supply chain.

CTPAT Membership mitigates risk of delays in that process, as it guarantees priority access to port and business resumption from U.S. Customs.

***3.** Increase Relevancy on a Global Scale.

Over 70 countries across Asia, Europe, and the Americas strongly recommend their importers/exporters participate in a program known as Authorized Economic Operator (AEO), which requires members to meet a high set of global standards designed to facilitate safe and smooth trade worldwide.

CTPAT is recognized as the U.S. equivalent of this program and is therefore internationally acknowledged as a mark of legitimacy by AEO-certified companies, garnering instant trust and respect from foreign partners.

CTPAT PARTNER

PARTICIPATION PERKS

- FRONT-OF-THE-LINE Privileges for Container & Cargo Inspections.
- FASTER Goods Transport Across the Border.
- **DEDICATED** Supply Chain Security Specialist Assigned by the CBP.
- **REDUCED** Number of CBP Examinations & Lower Fines in the Event of a Violation.
- **EXCLUSIVE** Access to Free and Secure Trade (FAST) Lanes at Land Borders.

