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**U.S. Customs and
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On Behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection(CBP), I am pleased to welcome Associated Couriers, Inc. as a certified partner in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program. By participating with CBP, you are making a vital contribution to help us secure our borders and ensure the continued free flow of international trade.

Your role as a C-TPAT partner is to continue to ensure that appropriate security measures based upon risk analysis and consistent with C-TPAT security criteria, are maintained in a documented and verifiable format throughout your international supply chains. C-TPAT partners must also have a documented and verifiable process for the selection of business partners and ensure that these business partners develop security procedures consistent with C-TPAT security criteria.

To meet these obligations and the security standards established under the C-TPAT program, it is necessary that a security self-assessment process be developed and implemented. Additionally, these assessments should identify and institute any enhancements or updates to your supply chain program. All aspects of the security self-assessment must be verifiable, documented, reviewed on a regular basis and updated as warranted.

CBP's commitment to you, consistent with our goals of security and facilitation of trade moving into the United States, is to provide a secure entry process marked by the efficient release of goods and prompt resolution of CBP issues. At this time, CBP will proceed to provide Associated Couriers, Inc. with C-TPAT benefits which may include reduced cargo exams, training and sharing of information.



Again, I welcome Associated Couriers, Inc. as a certified C-TPAT partner, and I thank you in advance for your support in this evolutionary and cooperative effort to build a more secure and more efficient global trade environment.

Please visit our website and log into the C-TPAT secure web portal at <https://ctpat.cbp.dhs.gov> in order to learn to which C-TPAT field office and Supply Chain Security Specialist (SCSS) your company has assigned

CBP created the C-TPAT validation process to ensure that the security measures declared in a participant's C-TPAT security profile are effective. CBP will, to the extent practicable, conduct a C-TPAT validation not later than one year of the Partner's C-TPAT certification in accordance with section 215(a) of the "Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006" (SAFE Port Act), Pub. L. 109-347, 120 Stat. 1917.

Sincerely,



Liz Schmelzinger
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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Enclosure