



The following notice explains that Nexteer supports and has joined the US Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT). Additionally, certification of the supply chain is the next step in the progression of that program. Accordingly, as a valued supplier, please review your security practices to ensure that Nexteer's Supply Chain remains secure. Security recommendations and certification information are provided on the C-TPAT web site noted below.

Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)

In April of 2002, Industry Representatives from General Motors, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler joined US Government Dignitaries from Treasury and Homeland Security to publicly announce the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT). C-TPAT is a joint initiative between government and business designed to protect the security of cargo entering the United States while improving the flow of trade.

Nexteer supports this initiative. It is seen as a critical element in the effort to reduce the threat of terrorism. C-TPAT requires importers to take steps to assess, evolve, and communicate practices that ensure tighter security of cargo and enhanced security throughout the entire supply chain. In return, their goods and conveyances will receive expedited processing at border crossings and ports of entry into the United States.

Nexteer suppliers must read the information on the US Customs C-TPAT web site at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/ctpat/ and review their current supply chain procedures. Suggested security recommendations are provided on the following C-TPAT website: http://search.cbp.gov/cs.html?charset=iso-8859-1&url=http%3A//www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/cargo_security/ctpat/ctpat_members/ctpat_best_practices.ctt/ctpat_best_practices.pdf&qt=c-tpat+suggested+security+recommendations&col=cgov&n=5&la=en

The purpose of this program and its recommendations is to encourage all parties in the supply chain to review their security practices to ensure they prevent the chain from being used to ship contraband. Appropriate steps to improve security must be taken if the supplier determines its supply chain security procedures are not adequate to ensure that contraband is not introduced into the Nexteer supply chain and delivered to Nexteer facilities. Supplier C-TPAT certification is preferred. Certification and the recommendations included in the C-TPAT program are consistent with our Supplier Profile application requirements located in the Nexteer Supplier Portal. Nexteer has identified supplier locations shipping into the United States and has marked them as C-TPAT required within our Supplier Profile application. Those suppliers will have an additional tab available within Supplier Profile for C-TPAT information. It is mandatory for those suppliers to provide information requested on this tab. Accordingly, we expect most suppliers should have controls and procedures in place that meet or exceed C-TPAT guidelines. Again, C-TPAT Certification is preferred.

Your attention and compliance to this will be appreciated.