

Overview of CTPAT Minimum Security Criteria (MSC)

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A resource for job aids and document templates can be found on the [Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism \(CTPAT\) website](#). These documents assist companies in becoming compliant with the CTPAT MSC.

Focus Areas	Criteria Categories	Description
Corporate Security	Security Vision and Responsibility	Promote a security vision, integrate security throughout the organization, establish an audit process, importance and role of the CTPAT point of contact
	Risk Assessment	Complete a comprehensive risk assessment based on a recognized methodology and in line with the MSC
	Business Partner Requirements	Select, screen, and monitor business partner compliance with MSC, to include trade based money laundering
	Cybersecurity	Written cybersecurity policies and procedures; protection of IT systems with software and hardware; remote access; personal devices
Transportation Security	Conveyance and IT Security	Conduct thorough inspections for both security and visible agricultural contamination; driver verification; tracking of conveyances; random searches
	Seal Security	High security seal policy; containers not suitable for sealing; mandated use of the view, verify, twist, tug (VVTT) seal verification process; management audits of seals
	Procedural Security	Document processes relevant to transportation, handling, and storage of cargo
	Agricultural Security	Introduces requirements that protect the supply chain from contaminants and pests and the proper use of wood packaging materials
Personnel and Physical Security	Physical Access Control	Outlines requirements to prevent, detect, or deter unauthorized personnel from gaining access to facilities. Expands on the use of security technology
	Physical Security	Require the positive identification of all employees, visitors, and vendors at all points of entry
	Personnel Security	Complete screening, pre-employment verification, background checks, and comply with U.S. Immigration laws
	Security Training, Threat and Awareness	Requires training on security for all employees; specialized training for employees in sensitive positions; determine if training provided was effective