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**INFORMATIONAL PIPELINE NO. 09-016-NWK**

**TO** All Importers, Ocean Carriers, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers, Marine Terminal Operators, Centralized Examination Station Operators, Container Freight Station Operators, Bonded Warehouse Proprietors, Customs Brokers, Forwarders and Others Concerned

**SUBJECT** Priority, Front of Line Consideration for Certified Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Importers

**DATE** **JUN 08 2009**

**REFERENCE:** *Securing the Global Supply Chain Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Strategic Plan, US Customs and Border Protection Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, Cost/Benefit Survey, Center for Survey Research, University of Virginia*

**PURPOSE**

As our most trusted trade partners, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) importers have agreed to incorporate clearly defined supply chain security criteria into their business practices. Once U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) determines, through the C-TPAT certification process, that the mandated security protocols have been implemented, CBP offers trade facilitation benefits to those importers. These benefits will include expeditious completion of CBP mandated cargo examinations.

**ACTION**

Containers consigned to a C-TPAT importer that are designated for drayage to a Centralized Examination Station (CES) for a CBP Enforcement, Trade, or Agriculture examination, will clearly be designated as "C-TPAT Priority," on the Permit to Transfer or CF3461 document faxed to the CES facility. The CES facility will in turn, dray to their facility, and present for examination, the C-TPAT Priority cargo before non-C-TPAT designated containerized cargo.

In order to identify C-TPAT importers, and ensure priority treatment is afforded, it is strongly recommended that Customs Brokers file entries three to five days prior to vessel arrival.

These procedures will facilitate the expectations of C-TPAT importers, by ensuring the subject containers will be given priority consideration by CES facilities.

Should you require further information, you may contact the Assistant Area Director, John Lava, Seaport Operations at (201) 443-0200.



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