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RE: Security Expectation Letter

Dear Sir:

We are in the process of updating our **C-TPAT Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism records**. C-TPAT is a joint initiative between government and business designed to improve the security of cargo entering the United States without inhibiting the flow of trade. C-TPAT participants are expected to take steps to assess, develop and communicate new practices to enhance security throughout the entire supply chain. In return, their goods and conveyances will receive expedited processing into the United States. This is a great privilege.

Western Overseas is a voluntary participant in the C-TPAT program. We take our commitment to the principles of the C-TPAT program seriously. In addition, **we expect that your company will comply with C-TPAT guidelines that the U.S. Customs Service has published.**

These security guidelines can be found at:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/commercial_enforcement/ctpat/

Are you C-TPAT certified: Yes _____ No _____ Please provide SVI#: _____

If not certified, have you applied for C-TPAT: Yes _____ No _____

Please sign below to acknowledge C-TPAT

Type Name, Title and Date

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Note: Please email or fax back this **acknowledgement** of C-TPAT with your response to Cecilia Castellanos: Cecilia@westernoverseas.com or by Fax: (562) 986-1367. Please type or print clearly and legible

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OUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE APPLY TO ALL TRANSACTIONS

IMPORTER'S SECURITY CHAIN

All Importers should take note of this part of their supply chain processes in securing Containers in countries of export by making their suppliers and foreign forwarders aware of instructions below.

Container Security

Container integrity must be maintained to protect against the introduction of unauthorized material and/or persons. At point of stuffing, procedures must be in place to properly seal and maintain the integrity of the shipping containers. A high security seal must be affixed to all loaded containers bound for the U.S. All seals must meet or exceed the current PAS ISO 17712 standards for high security seals.

Container Inspection

Procedures must be in place to verify the physical integrity of the container structure prior to stuffing, to include the reliability of the locking mechanisms of the doors. A seven-point inspection process is recommended for all containers:

- Front wall
- Left side
- Right side
- Floor
- Ceiling/Roof
- Inside/outside doors
- Outside/Undercarriage

Container Seals

Written procedures must stipulate how seals are to be controlled and affixed to loaded containers - to include procedures for recognizing and reporting compromised seals and/or containers to US Customs and Border Protection or the appropriate foreign authority. Only designated employees should distribute container seals for integrity purposes.

Container Storage

Containers must be stored in a secure area to prevent unauthorized access and/or manipulation. Procedures must be in place for reporting and neutralizing unauthorized entry into containers or container storage areas.