

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee  
Government Issue Paper  
Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee:  
Cross-Border Recognition Working Group**

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**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**



**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)'s goal is to establish a holistic approach to strengthen the security of the supply chain and an approach that better reflects CBP's overall mission. To that end, issues related to cybersecurity, the protection of the supply chain from agricultural contaminants, the prevention of money laundering, terrorism financing, and the proper use/management of security technology, such as intrusion alarms and security camera systems, have been incorporated into the program's new criteria. Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) will continue to engage its members and the trade community at large to educate and socialize the new security requirements.

**Issue:** CTPAT continues to collaborate with Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Mexico representatives to assess program requirements and align the programs.

**Current Status:** On July 26, 2022, after 27 meetings and 31 hours of joint comparison, CTPAT and AEO Mexico representatives completed the assessment of the Minimum-Security Criteria (MSC) requirements.

**Next Steps:** AEO Mexico representatives will develop an action plan and timeline to update and publish their program requirements allowing compatibility amongst the programs.

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