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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 reflects CBP's overall mission.
- Issues related to cybersecurity, the protection of the supply chain from agricultural contaminants, the to prevention of money laundering / terrorism financing, and the proper use of security technology, such as intrusion alarms and security camera systems, have been incorporated into the program's Minimum Security Criteria (MSC).
- Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) will continue to engage its members and the trade community at large educate and socialize the new security requirements.

Current Status:

- On August 3, 2023, Authorized Economic Operator (AEO), Mexico published the new security profiles for all AEO Mexico entities. The requirements were published in Mexico's Federal Official Register (Diario Oficial de la Federacion) and align with the CTPAT program's minimum security criteria.

Next Steps: All new AEO Mexico applicants must meet the new program requirements.

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