

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee
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1. COAC recommends that CTPAT adopt a standard set of user-friendly validation/revalidation preparation documents. This document set should include a standardized version of the validation questionnaire, agenda and requirements, as well as expectations for facility tours. This document set should be distributed with initial communication of the intent to validate.
2. COAC recommends that CTPAT Trade Compliance (TC) members subject to a Risk Analysis and Survey Assessment be relieved of the responsibility to provide underlying company information already provided in the CTPAT TC Annual Notification Letter/Memorandum of Understanding.
3. COAC recommends that CBP add a field to the ACE Protest module that indicates CTPAT Trade Compliance (TC) membership – to ensure CTPAT TC member Protests are given priority.
4. COAC recommends that CBP develop functionality for CTPAT members to have access to a dashboard of information in the CTPAT Portal that demonstrates evidence of benefits. For example, showing faster resolution of exams, front of the line treatment, etc.