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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 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.

Current Status: On February 15, 2023, CTPAT and AEO Mexico representatives completed the final review and edits to the assessment of the Minimum-Security Criteria (MSC) requirements.

Next Steps: AEO Mexico representatives will review the final edits, hand over to their legal department for approval and submit to the Mexican Secretariat for Home Affairs (Secretaria de Gobernacion). In return, Home Affairs will review and publish the changes within the Federal Official Register (Diario Oficial de la Federacion).

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