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C-TPAT : CUSTOMS-TRADE PARTNERSHIP AGAINST TERRORISM

One of the primary goals of Customs and Border Protection is to protect our borders and prevent terrorism. Besides increasing the number of inspections for imports, Customs has initiated various programs to assist them. One of these programs is the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism.

C-TPAT is, as the name implies, a partnership between Customs and all parties involved with trade (from the manufacturer or grower to the point of delivery). Basically, an importer wishing to participate needs to make a serious review of their supply chain and make any necessary changes that would strengthen the supply chain. The complete process needs to be documented and submitted to Customs along with a signed agreement. (Customs will also sign the agreement and return a copy to the importer.) Specific details of the process are available on Customs web site: www.customs.ustreas.gov. Click on *Importing & Exporting Current Trade Issues* to find C-TPAT.

We recommend that you complete your application as soon as possible in order to get your certification going.

Online Application for C-TPAT

http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/xp/cgov/import/commercial_enforcement/ctpat/online_app/

Having the trade participate in the various Customs programs allows Customs to better target shipments that could pose a risk. Therefore, Customs has stated that certified members of C-TPAT would have fewer inspections.

C-TPAT is on occasion holding enrollment seminars in different cities where companies are able to get their certification on site. As soon as know when the next enrollment seminar is we will let you know.

For C-TPAT Certified Members, the next seminar is:

THERE ARE NO ANNOUNCED SEMINARS AT THIS TIME.

CBP has requested that we provide you with the 7-POINT CONTAINER INSPECTION and the 17-POINT TRACTOR AND TRAILER INSPECTION.

You can view this PDF file at: www.theperishablespecialist.com under U.S. Customs Service.

THE PERISHABLE SPECIALIST, INC. is a VALIDATED member of C-TPAT. We have copied our status verification for your records and review. This can be emailed to you upon request. Please let us know if you would like an SVI of our company sent to you.

We encourage all importers to participate in C-TPAT.

Sincerely,
Frank A. Ramos
THE PERISHABLE SPECIALIST, INC.

Company Legal Name:	Perishable Specialist, Inc., The
Doing Business As:	
C-TPAT Account Number:	15915079
Business Type:	Licensed U.S. Customs Broker
Account Status:	1vc - Certified, Non-Importer, Validation Completed