

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
Department of Homeland Security

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20229

SEP 10 2003

Ms. Dee Anders
Geo S. Bush & Co., Inc.
600 NW Naito Parkway
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Ms. Anders:

On behalf of Customs and Border Protection, I want to thank you for submitting your Supply Chain Security Profile Questionnaire. By joining with us in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), you are contributing to the security of our borders and to the continued free flow of international trade.

The participation of Geo S. Bush & Co., Inc., as well as others from the broker and consolidator communities, is but a first important step in what promises to be a sustained effort to meet the challenge posed by the terrorist threat to the United States. Your role in the C-TPAT is to continue current efforts to secure your company's operations against possible compromise, communicate your efforts to your business partners, and maintain a high level of compliance in other Customs related areas.

Our commitment to you, consistent with our mission-critical objectives, is to provide an entry process marked by the efficient release of goods and the prompt resolution of any outstanding issues affecting Customs processing of shipments. In addition, Customs is in the process of assigning a person who will act as your liaison for all C-TPAT related matters. In the interim, please contact the Customs Headquarters C-TPAT office with any C-TPAT related questions. If you currently have an Account Manager assigned to your company, you may continue to engage him or her with any Customs related questions or concerns.

After careful review of your security profile, we are pleased to inform you that you have completed your Supply Chain Security Profile commitment and we welcome you as a certified member of the C-TPAT program. Customs will proceed to provide Geo S. Bush & Co. with C-TPAT benefits. Forthcoming benefits will include anti-terrorism training seminars, sharing of information and best practices, *etc.*

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Please be aware that as part of the continually evolving security process, C-TPAT participants should develop and maintain a complete and detailed security plan to be available for Customs to review upon request. Also, as part of your ongoing C-TPAT commitment, a self-policing program should be developed in order to review security procedures on a regular basis. Please see the attached document with regards to self-policing. Customs will soon provide all partners with a C-TPAT yearly assessment to be completed by the appropriate company officials.

Again, I welcome you as a C-TPAT partner and I thank you in advance for your support in this important effort.

Enclosed you will find a co-signed copy of the C-TPAT agreement and a consent form, to be signed at your discretion, granting Customs permission to mention your company's name during public events dealing with trade security issues.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Robert Jacksta, Executive Director, Border Security & Facilitation, or Robert Perez, Director, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, at (202) 927-0520.

Sincerely,



Jayson P. Ahern
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations

Enclosures



SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY PROFILE SUPPLEMENT

Please note the following. The information provided, along with the original Supply Chain Security Profile, will increase our understanding and awareness of your ongoing commitment to supply chain security so that we can meet our mutual goal of facilitating the free-flow of trade while strengthening the security of our borders.

SELF POLICING

In order to ensure supply chain integrity and to meet the obligations and standards established as a member of C-TPAT, a customized, internal, self-policing program should be developed and implemented in order to review your security procedures on a regular basis. Please provide an outline with regards to the implementation and/or the existence of such a program. Please continue to assess your security needs and concerns and communicate these to your business partners and service providers.

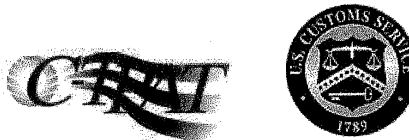
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**CUSTOMS-TRADE PARTNERSHIP
AGAINST TERRORISM**

GEO. S. BUSH & CO., INC.
Licensed Customs Broker –
C-TPAT Agreement to Voluntarily Participate

This Agreement is made between **Geo. S. Bush & Co., Inc. (GSB)**, located at **600 NW Naito Parkway, Portland Oregon 97208 USA**, (hereafter referred to as "GSB") and the United States Customs Service (hereafter referred to as "Customs").

This Agreement between GSB and Customs is intended to enhance the joint efforts of GSB and Customs to develop a more secure border environment by focusing on the accuracy and timeliness of information provided to Customs during the cargo entry and clearance process, by increasing the awareness of brokerage employees and clients on the importance of supply chain security, and by exchanging relevant information when security-related discrepancies are detected. Customs and the Broker recognize the need to address these security issues in order to maintain an efficient and compliant import process.

GSB agrees to develop and implement, within a framework consistent with the listed recommendations/guidelines, a verifiable, documented program to enhance security procedures and increase security awareness throughout its operations. GSB agrees to communicate the attached recommendations and guidelines to its clients during the normal course of business. See Attachment A

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OCEAN AND AIR CABLE "BUSH"
FMC NO. 162 IATA NO. 38-5-7837

TELEPHONE 503-228-6501
FAX 503-294-0432
TELETYPE 910-464-1527

CUSTOMS BROKER
CHB LIC. NO. 38

Specifically, the GSB agrees to:

1. Sign and return this Agreement to the U.S. Customs Service, Office of Field Operations.
2. Complete and return the attached Security Profile Questionnaire within 60 days of signing and returning the Agreement to Customs. An additional 30 days may be granted upon request. See Attachment B
3. GSB will be asked to implement security and/or trade compliance improvement programs, included in their account action plans, when needed.

Specifically, Customs agrees to:

1. Provide feedback and recommendations to the Broker on the information provided in the Security Profile Questionnaire within 30 days of receipt.
2. Provide technical guidance when requested and when practical.
3. Consider GSB's acceptance and implementation of the listed guidelines when making risk determinations for the purposes of cargo examinations and document reviews.

The listed recommendations/guidelines reflect the mutual understanding of GSB and Customs of what constitutes the basic elements of supply chain security.

This Agreement will be administered pursuant to a plan jointly developed by Customs and GSB.

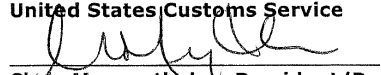
This Agreement is subject to review by GSB or Customs and may be terminated with written notice by either party.

This Agreement cannot, by law, exempt GSB from any statutory or regulatory sanctions associated with the GSB's responsibilities in its Customs transactions.

Nothing in this Agreement relieves GSB of any responsibilities with respect to United States law, including the Customs Regulations.


Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
United States Customs Service

Date


Chris Mergenthaler - President/Partner
Geo. S. Bush & Co., Inc.

4-7-03

Date



CONSENT TO USE COMPANY NAME

We, the undersigned,

AGREE or DO NOT AGREE (Please Circle One)

to the use of our company name by Customs and Border Protection in public events associated with the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program, and we the undersigned,

CONSENT or DO NOT CONSENT (Please Circle One)

to the addition of our company name to any membership list to be provided to importers, licensed Customs brokers, freight forwarders, carriers, and others that are certified C-TPAT partners.

Company: Geo S. Bush & Co., Inc.

Signature of Authorized Company Officer:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Mergenthaler', written over a horizontal line.

Printed Name: CARL MERGENTHALER

Title of Authorized Company Officer: PRESIDENT

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS C-TPAT OFFICE

Fax: 202-927-1360
Mail: C-TPAT Office, Room 5.2C
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