

## C-TPAT

### Securing Your Supply Chain

US Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) number one priority is combating the threat of terrorism. The Customs and Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) is the CBP initiative that partners with members of the trade community to ensure the integrity of their security practices and communicate and verify the security guidelines of the business partners within their supply chain. Businesses apply to CBP for C-TPAT certification. In joining C-TPAT, companies sign an agreement to work with CBP to protect the supply chain, identify security gaps and implement specific security measures and best practices. Additionally, C-TPAT partners provide CBP with a security profile outlining the specific security measures the company has in place.



CBP will ensure that existing and new C-TPAT partners fulfill their commitments by reviewing their profiles and verifying that agreed security measures

have been implemented.

C-TPAT certification can be a complex project. But once your company is a "certified partner", your imports will flow smoothly.

**C-TPAT ASAP**® will facilitate efficient supply chain security assessment and risk-based analysis and speed you on your way to CBP certification and the "green lane".

## About Global Online Trade Solutions

Global Online Trade Solutions, LLC provides businesses with the capability to move efficiently into global markets by addressing the barriers that complicate cross border transactions. Using information technology to streamline the processes necessary to conduct cross border trade, GOTrade Solutions enables business to quickly transform their supply chains and market opportunities.

## About IRM

IRM, Inc. is an Information Technology consultancy with a twelve year history of providing clients with strategic guidance in risk and compliance assessment. IRM has partnered with Global Online Trade Solutions to develop a C-TPAT risk and compliance assessment tool utilizing IRM's Automated Strategic Assessment Protocols (**ASAP**®).



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## C-TPAT ASAP®

Streamlining Compliance



## Overview

**C-TPAT ASAP®** provides importers and their business partners with an efficient tool that provides a broad assessment of the whole range of supply chain security risks. The **C-TPAT ASAP®** survey asks specific questions concerning business partners, container security, physical access controls, personnel security, procedural security, threat awareness and security training, physical security and information technology security.

The majority of companies have numerous parties in their supply chain, as a result, importers wishing to participate in C-TPAT must complete a comprehensive



assessment of their supply chain and that of their business partners. Business partners include manufacturers, part and component suppliers, freight forwarders, air/sea/motor carriers, terminal operators and customs brokers. Each importer must include information about these parties in their certification. **C-TPAT ASAP®** provides an efficient tool to gather and analyze this information.

## What You Do

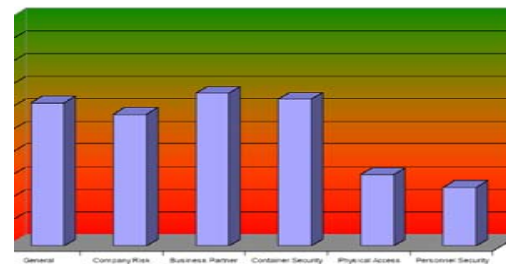
Once you receive the **C-TPAT ASAP®** application and install it on your PC, you will be prompted to enter some identifying information. **C-TPAT ASAP®** presents sets of questions regarding your company's supply chain, grouped by topic, to which you provide answers. **C-TPAT ASAP®** creates an answer file that contains your responses. You may stop and start the questionnaire as needed. You may also review and update responses.

Each business partner you have identified in your supply chain also receives the **C-TPAT ASAP®** questionnaire with a request on your behalf to complete and submit the answers. When you and your business partner have completed the questionnaire, you email your answer file to GO Trade Solutions for analysis and roll up into your overall supply chain assessment.

## What You Receive

Within several days you will receive a report summarizing your C-TPAT supply chain risk. The report will include your overall business risk as well as risk by specific topic. The report includes appropriate recommendations for each question based on your response. Your report also includes profiles for each business partner in your supply chain assessment.

C-TPAT ASAP Scores by Section



## How It Works

Through the use of scoring algorithms and the weighting of your response to each question, **C-TPAT ASAP®** compiles your responses into a risk assessment report which includes your organization's overall supply chain business risk, an overview of your organization's supply chain security, a profile of each audit area, and concise improvement recommendations for action.

**C-TPAT ASAP®** utilizes the **ASAP®** (Automated Strategic Assessment Protocol) strategic risk and compliance assessment diagnostic tools from IRM. **ASAP®** is proprietary technology (US patent pending) which consists of an automated process using questionnaires and in-depth algorithms to assess risks and measure compliance; and a design that simplifies updating.

## What It Costs

Pricing for **C-TPAT ASAP®** is based on the number of locations and business partners included in your supply chain. Each license includes software and a specific number of reports. Pricing starts at \$1750 for one importing location, up to 4 business partners and 10 reports or profiles. Additional reports and profiles are available at a nominal price. Package pricing for larger supply chains is available.

Contact GO Trade Solutions for further information.