

BRI Client C-TPAT Advisory Letter

Your Supply Chain Security



In this “post - 9/11” international trade environment, security has become an important part of a successful supply chain.

We are pleased to advise you that *Bellville Rodair International, Inc. (BRI USA)* is a certified and validated member in the US Customs and Border Protection Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and is cooperating to improve and ensure the physical security of the production, transportation, and importation elements of the supply chain process.

The US Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) is a joint initiative between U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the business community. All importers, whether a member of C-TPAT or not, should be concerned about its supply chain integrity.

We strongly suggest that all clients involved in international trade develop and implement a comprehensive plan to enhance security procedures in the supply chain. *BRI USA* can provide you with recommendations that can be executed on a case-by-case basis depending on your particular import program and size, vendor or factory size and structure, and also assist you in developing written security procedures that address the critical areas of Physical Security, Access Controls, Procedural Security, Personnel Security, Education and Training Awareness, and Threat Awareness.

We can help you conduct a comprehensive self-assessment of your company’s supply chain security procedures. Then we can help you identify gaps based on C-TPAT security criteria guidelines jointly developed by CBP and trade groups in your specific enrollment category.

In addition to contributing to a more secure supply chain, U.S. Customs and Border Protection notes these potential advantages to C-TPAT members:

- Reduced border clearance time
- Reduced number of inspections
- Extension of low-risk treatment to all corporate divisions
- An emphasis on self-policing, as opposed to customs verifications
- An assigned CBP port account manager (if one is not already assigned)

If you are not a C-TPAT member and are interested in more information, be sure to contact your *BRI USA* contact or email us at info-usa@briusa.com