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SAFETY ACT BLOCK DESIGNATION NOTICE

The Department of Homeland Security (the Department) has completed its review of the Block Designation for Certified Cargo Screening Facilities-Canine (CCSF-K9s) (the Technology), pursuant to the Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. §§ 441–444, (the SAFETY Act), and the Regulations Implementing the Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, 6 C.F.R. Part 25, 71 Fed. Reg. 33147, 33159 (June 8, 2006) (the Regulations). Pursuant to Section 25.3 of the Regulations, the Secretary of Homeland Security (the Secretary) has delegated responsibilities, powers, and functions under the SAFETY Act, except the authority to determine that an act is an Act of Terrorism for purposes of Section 444(2) of the SAFETY Act, to the “Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security or the Under Secretary’s designees.”

In accordance with Sections 25.4(b) and 25.6(h) of the Regulations, I have determined that CCSF-K9s affirmatively satisfies the criteria for a SAFETY Act Block Designation and is therefore eligible to apply for inclusion in this Block Designation. The Department will evaluate applications submitted pursuant to this Block Designation in accordance with Section 25.6(h) of the Regulations, following an expedited review of the application, subject to the terms and conditions below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **Block Designation for the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Third-Party Canine-Cargo (3PK9-C) Program.** Applicants participating in the TSA 3PK9-C Program as a CCSF-K9 who offer 3PK9-C teams certified to TSA standards to TSA Regulated Entities for the purpose of cargo screening may apply for this Block Designation. This Block Designation is based on the requirements of the CCSP-K9 and applies to only participating companies.
- **Timeline for Expedited Review.** Pursuant to a complete Application, the Office of SAFETY Act Implementation (OSAI) expects to process complete applications related to this Block Designation Notice within 90 days of receipt. This will allow for a complete review of an Applicant’s insurance and financial information.

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- Application Requirements.
 - OSAI will coordinate with the TSA 3PK9 Principal Security Specialist via the organizational email address 3PK9aircargosecurity@tsa.dhs.gov to verify that applicants under the Block Designation are eligible and in good-standing with the 3PK9-C Program.
 - Applicants under this Block Designation Notice will be required to submit a Block Designation Application via the SAFETY Act Website (www.SAFETYAct.gov).
 - For the purposes of Section 25.6(h), if the Department approves an application submitted pursuant to a Block Designation, that applicant is considered a Seller of a Qualified Anti-terrorism Technology. Pursuant to Section 443(a) of the SAFETY Act and Sections 25.5(a) and (g) of the Regulations, Sellers of Qualified Anti-terrorism Technologies shall obtain or maintain the following liability insurance for otherwise compensable third-party claims arising out of, relating to, or resulting from an Act of Terrorism when the Technology has been deployed in defense against, response to, or recovery from such an act. To establish such a limit, the Applicant must submit answers to Item BD.11 and Item BD.12 (Insurance and Financial information) in the Block Designation application.
- Term of this Block Designation Notice. This Block Designation Notice will expire on September 30, 2029. The expiration of this Notice is independent from and will have no effect on the term of any Designation received by Applicants under the Block prior to the expiration of the Block.
- Other Conditions.
 - This Block Designation may be reviewed and modified at any time by the Department of Homeland Security.

Note: Please refer to specific “CCSF-K9s” instructions posted on www.SafetyAct.Gov for further guidance on filing an application pursuant to this Block Designation Notice.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the SAFETY Act Help Desk by email at SAFETYActHelpDesk@hq.dhs.gov or by phone at 1-866-788-9318. Please reference “CCSF-K9s” in all correspondence.

Sincerely,



Dimitri Kusnezov
Under Secretary

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The Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, announces the approval of a Block Designation for Certified Cargo Screening Facilities-Canine (CCSF-K9) under the Transportation Security Administration's Third-Party Canine-Cargo Program. Please see the "Block Designation" list on www.safetyact.gov for additional information, as well as the specific instructions for this Block Designation.

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