



September 3, 2021

BLOCK DESIGNATION NOTICE

The Department of Homeland Security (the Department or DHS) has completed its review of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Certified Cargo Screening Program (CCSP) for a renewal of a Block Designation, 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 the Department of Homeland Security (the Secretary) has delegated responsibilities, powers, and functions under the SAFETY Act, except the authority to declare 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 TSA CCSP Participants affirmatively satisfy the criteria for a SAFETY Act Block Designation and are therefore eligible to apply for inclusion in this Block Designation. A determination of inclusion will be made by the Department 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

- **TSA CCSP Program.** By being approved by the TSA to operate Certified Cargo Screening Facilities, CCSP participants have affirmatively met the technical criteria for SAFETY Act Designation with respect to the Technology, as defined in Exhibit A.
- **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.
- **Application Requirements.**
 - OSAI will coordinate with TSA CCSP to verify the names of applicants under this Block Designation as needed.

- Applicants under this Block Designation Notice will be required to submit a Block Designation Application via the SAFETY Act Website (www.safetyact.gov).
- Applicants will supply a copy of the TSA Certification as a Certified Cargo Screening Facility for each facility it wishes to have covered. Designation under this Block Designation will be on a per facility basis.
- Pursuant to Section 443(a) of the SAFETY Act and Sections 25.5(a) and (g) of the Regulations, Selected Vendors as defined in Section 25.6(g) of the SAFETY Act Regulations shall obtain or maintain 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 will submit complete answers to Items BD.11 and BD.12 (Insurance and Financial information) in the Block Designation Application.
- Term of this Block Designation Notice. This Block Designation Notice will expire on August 31, 2026. The expiration of this Notice is independent from, and will have no effect on, the term of any preexisting Designation received by applicants under the Block.
- Other Conditions.
 - This Block Designation may be reviewed and modified at any time by the Department.

Note: Please refer to specific TSA CCSP instructions posted on www.safetyact.gov for further guidance on filing an application pursuant to this Block Designation Notice.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Coulter Mitchell
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the
Under Secretary for Science and Technology

**Certified Cargo Screening Program
Transportation Security Administration
Department of Homeland Security
Exhibit A**

[Applicant name, and State of Incorporation] provides, Certified Cargo Screening Facilities under the Certified Cargo Screening Program (the Technology), which are secure facilities established per directives issued by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for screening and securing of cargo which will be transported on passenger aircraft. Per TSA directives, operators of Certified Cargo Screening Facilities (the Seller) will maintain a security plan that limits access to secure cargo screening areas; train and vet employees per TSA guidance; adhere to all TSA-specified chain of custody rules for cargo; and use TSA-approved methods and/or equipment for the screening of cargo. The Technology includes only those locations in possession of current and valid TSA certifications for Certified Cargo Screening Facilities.