



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

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Mr. Joel Anderson
International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA)
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

As a follow-up to our dialogue concerning the possibility of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) endorsing IWLA's Warehouse Security Best Practices Guidelines, we have reviewed the IWLA guidelines and conclude that it is sufficient to meet the minimum-security criteria for C-TPAT, and includes an important component, which is verification to determine compliance and/or the degree of compliance to these guidelines.

From reviewing your plan, we see that you will incorporate 3rd Party Verification to gauge compliance. I would request that after you have completed your first few verifications, that we have a meeting to discuss your process as implemented, and exchange ideas to determine what is working, what is not working, and areas for improvement

We appreciate your continued interest in CBP and C-TPAT and we will look forward to hearing from you. Mr. Tom Corwin, a C-TPAT Program Manager will now be handling this matter and he can be reached at (202) 344-1153.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd L. Owen".

Mr. Todd Owen
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