To enhance communication with its members, the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) program routinely highlights security matters for the purpose of raising awareness and renewing Partners’ vigilance in supply chain security. Through this CTPAT Alert, the program wants to remind its Highway Carrier Members of some of the key requirements they must meet—particularly those that will help U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) expedite the flow of the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) lanes, one of the most important benefits the program offers its CTPAT Highway Carrier Members.

- **FOLLOW** all FAST and CTPAT Program requirements. All vehicle occupants must be in possession of a valid FAST ID prior to reaching the U.S. border.

- **DISPOSE** of personal garbage before approaching any U.S. Port of Entry (POE).

- **PAY** the annual or the single-crossing user fee online prior to arrival at a CBP POE.

- **TRANSMIT** an electronic manifest for bobtails and for empty containers/trailers prior to the arrival of the conveyance at CBP using ACE’s e-manifest system.

- **USE** the crossing carrier’s SCAC Code—even when shipment has been subcontracted.

- **REMOVE** any pest contamination from the conveyance before entering the U.S.

- **FOLLOW** all seal requirements, including the use of an ISO 17712 high security seal on loaded containers/trailers, and the verification that the seal has been affixed properly.

- **SUBCONTRACT** transportation services only to a CTPAT certified highway carrier (preferably), or a highway carrier that works directly for the Member as delineated through a written contract and contract must stipulate adherence to the program’s security criteria.

- **ENSURE** all security and agricultural inspections have been carried out.

- **ALERT** company’s management of any delays, threats, and credible suspicions.

- **NOTIFY** law enforcement, management, and Supply Chain Security Specialist of any threats, security incidents, or credible suspicions.