



Sealock Security Systems would like to share the latest alert issued by C-TPAT and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. **Please note that the device mentioned in the yellow highlighted section of this document refers to the Sealock product line.**

IMPORTANT ALERT

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From: OFO-INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP [industry.partnership@dhs.gov]

TO: All C-TPAT Members

This message is provided as a service to our members and for your situational awareness.

In the past few weeks, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has detected a rise in narcotics seizures in commercial shipments moving through the Mexico City – Laredo corridor. Both C-TPAT and non C-TPAT shipments have been randomly targeted by Mexican drug cartels.

C-TPAT Importers and Mexico Foreign Manufacturers and Highway Carriers should be cognizant that these cartels may target long haul carriers transporting manufactured goods such as automobile and electronic parts shipped from reputable manufacturers.

In light of this information, C-TPAT asks members to **re-assess the risk** of shipments coming from Mexico and especially in the corridor identified above. It is imperative that all C-TPAT Mexican entities **mitigate vulnerabilities** through actions such as:

- Conducting Risk Assessment on Business Partners
 - Communicate the importance of security within the supply chain to all business partners
- Contracting/Sub-Contracting Policies and Procedures
 - Thoroughly screen the contractors and sub-contractors which are providing such services
- Conveyance/Trailer/Container Security Inspections
 - Management should conduct random and unannounced inspections of container inspections taking place
- Conveyance Tracking and Monitoring Procedures
 - If GPS is in place, ensure that it is being utilized correctly and efficiently
 - Maintain constant communication with the driver, tractor and trailer while en route to the border
- Personnel Security Hiring Practices
 - Periodically conduct thorough background checks of employees, especially those who come in contact with the cargo
- Security Threat and Awareness Training
 - Conduct refresher training for employees handling cargo and especially truck drivers

Members have developed several **Best Practices** to defeat breaches such as:

- Designated time spots-driver must report time at each specific area along the route
- The Highway Carrier has the ability to shut off the engine remotely in the event of route deviations / lost contact with driver

- Use tamper-indicative security labels bearing an actual photo of the seal and a serial number, attached to the hinges and between the two doors of the vehicle
- Use multiple ISO/PAS 17712 certified high security seals on all shipments bound to the U.S.
- In addition to using a bolt seal, attach a cast iron J-bar device to the locking bar that requires a specialized tool for removal

Many CBP Ports have established a local 24/7 contact number and members should familiarize themselves with local port communication protocols or call 1-800-BE ALERT (1-800-232-5378) to **report suspicious activity**.

To find your local CBP Port telephone number, please click the link below:

<http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/ports/>

Below are the links to the various criteria for your review:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/ctpat/security_criteria/hwy_carrier_criteria/hwy_carrier_criteria.xml

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/ctpat/security_criteria/long_haul_mex/

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/ctpat/security_criteria/sec_criteria_foreign_mfc/

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/ctpat/security_criteria/criteria_importers/ctpat_importer_criteria.xml

Re-Assess the Risk – Mitigate Vulnerabilities – Apply Best Practices – Report Suspicious Activities

C-TPAT Appreciates Your Continued Effort to Secure the International Supply Chain.

Why Utilizing The Sealock Locking /Sealing System Is Recognized As One of The “Best Practices” In The Prevention Of Cargo Tampering.

The last bullet point (highlighted in yellow), appearing in the “Best Practices” section of the above “Important Alert” document, suggests the use of a J-bar device. The Sealock Model SU2009 is precisely such a device. This unique cargo security device is the only single-use bar that locks **and** seals containers. By affixing to the container’s keeper bars, it prevents the doors from swinging open. Constructed of 2” wide steel that is ¼” thick, both a power tool and cable cutter are required to remove the device. And because it is a complete sealing and locking system, if the lock is broken, the seal will also be removed. Break-ins are therefore easily detected and authorities will be able to determine the exact location where the breach occurred. This is the Sealock security solution, the “gold standard” in mechanical container sealing technologies.

Sealock Security Systems, Inc. was founded in 1996. The original purpose for the company’s full line of unique locking and security sealing products was to combat ocean container and swing door trailer cargo theft. Since 9/11, however, Sealock’s security equipment is widely used as inexpensive yet extremely effective tools to address the threat of terrorism targeting our shores and borders.

The company was honored to receive certification as a C-TPAT partner from the Department of Homeland Security for aiding in the fight against terrorism, placing it among an exclusive list of some of the country’s largest importers. Wal-Mart, JC Penney, Hewlett-Packard, Pfizer and Maersk Line are other C-TPAT members and rely on Sealock Security Systems to protect their containers.



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