Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and Partners In Protection (PIP)

Date: May 2018
SMART Technologies is a proud participant and certified member of both the CTPAT and PIP program as an importer. SMART Technologies ULC operates in the United States as a non resident importer, therefore all laws and regulations of the United States as well as Canada apply to this entity. As a member of the CTPAT program, we have committed ourselves to improved security procedures throughout our operations. The procedures are designed to enhance the security of our facilities, people, cargo shipping, cargo receiving and cargo tracking processes.

As part of our commitment to the security program and to supply chain security overall, we require all of our employees to be aware of some key elements of the program.
What is Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism and Partners in Protection

• From its inception in November 2001 as a result of the tragic events of 9/11, CTPAT and PIP is one layer in U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) multi-layered cargo enforcement strategy.

• CBP and CBSA works with the trade community to strengthen international supply chains and improve United States and Canada border security.

• CTPAT and PIP is a voluntary public-private sector partnership program which recognizes that CBP and CBSA can only provide the highest level of cargo security through close cooperation with the principle stakeholders of the international supply chain such as importers, carriers, consolidators, licensed customs brokers, and manufacturers.
What does C-TPAT participation require?

- SMART conducted a comprehensive self assessment of our supply chain security using the C-TPAT and PIP guidelines developed by Customs and the trade community. The guidelines encompass the following areas: Business partner security, Container security, Physical Access Controls, Personnel Security, Procedural security, Security training and awareness, Physical security and Information Technology Security.
- SMART Submitted a supply chain security profile for our organization to US and Canada Customs.
- SMART developed and implemented a program to enhance security throughout our supply chain in accordance with CTPAT/PIP requirements.
- SMART has communicated the CTPAT/PIP requirements to other companies within our supply chain and we continuously work towards building the guidelines and requirements into the relationship we have with these companies.
What does C-TPAT participation require – con’t

• SMART conducts annual security assessments and maintains our security profile in the CTPAT/PIP portals
• The programs mandate SMART undergo ongoing CTPAT and PIP on-site validations by Customs of our facilities, logistics centers and foreign suppliers on a regular basis.