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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

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On Behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), I am pleased to welcome Associated Fastening Products, Inc. as a certified partner in the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) program. By participating with CBP, you are making a vital contribution to help us secure our borders and ensure the continued free flow of international trade.

Your role as a CTPAT partner is to continue to ensure that appropriate security measures based upon risk analysis and consistent with CTPAT security criteria, are maintained in a documented and verifiable format throughout your international supply chains. CTPAT partners must also have a documented and verifiable process for the selection of business partners and ensure that these business partners develop security procedures consistent with CTPAT security criteria.

To meet these obligations and the security standards established under the CTPAT program, it is necessary that a security self-assessment process be developed and implemented. Additionally, these assessments should identify and institute any enhancements or updates to your supply chain program. All aspects of the security self-assessment must be verifiable, documented, reviewed on a regular basis and updated as warranted.

CBP's commitment to you, consistent with our goals of security and facilitation of trade moving into the United States, is to provide a secure entry process marked by the efficient release of goods and prompt resolution of CBP issues. At this time, CBP will proceed to provide Associated Fastening Products, Inc. with CTPAT benefits which may include reduced cargo exams, training and sharing of information.



Again, I welcome Associated Fastening Products, Inc. as a certified CTPAT partner, and I thank you in advance for your support in this evolutionary and cooperative effort to build a more secure and more efficient global trade environment.

Please visit our website and log into the CTPAT secure web portal at <https://ctpat.cbp.dhs.gov> in order to learn to which CTPAT field office and Supply Chain Security Specialist (SCSS) your company has assigned

CBP created the CTPAT validation process to ensure that the security measures declared in a participant's CTPAT security profile are effective. CBP will, to the extent practicable, conduct a CTPAT validation not later than one year of the Partner's CTPAT certification in accordance with section 215(a) of the "Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006" (SAFE Port Act), Pub. L. 109-347, 120 Stat. 1917.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MG' or similar initials, enclosed in a circular scribble.

Manuel Garza
(A) Director, CTPAT
Office of Field Operations
U.S. Customs and Border Protection