

# Importer Eligibility Requirements

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To be eligible for C-TPAT, the Importer must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be an active U.S. Importer or Non-Resident Canadian Importer into the United States.
2. Have a business office staffed in the United States or Canada.
3. Have an active U.S. importer of record ID in either of the following formats:
  - o U.S. Social Security Number
  - o U.S. Internal Revenue Service assigned ID(s)
  - o CBP assigned Importer ID
4. Possess a valid continuous import bond registered with CBP.
5. Have a designated company officer that will be the primary cargo security officer responsible for C-TPAT.
6. Commit to maintaining the C-TPAT supply chain security criteria as outlined in the C-TPAT Importer agreement.
7. Create and provide CBP with a C-TPAT supply chain security profile, which identifies how the Importer will meet, maintain, and enhance internal policy to meet the C-TPAT Importer security criteria.

*Source: [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)*