

# C-TPAT Supplier Requirements

## Container Security

DSW Inc. (hereafter “DSW”) is participating in a Government Sponsored security program in the United States, which is known as the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT). The program is designed to enlist the cooperation of the private industry in efforts to enhance border security, combat organized crime and terrorism, increase awareness of customs compliance issues and help detect and prevent contraband smuggling. Participation in C-TPAT requires DSW to evaluate the security of their foreign suppliers (trading partners). As a supplier of DSW, you are being requested to ensure that your organization is meeting the minimum security requirements for container security. Please note that DSW may choose to audit your facility to ensure that you are meeting the requirements set forth herein.

DSW expects that its foreign suppliers will immediately work towards implementing the U.S. Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) “Required Procedures”, and strive towards implementing the “Recommendations”, consistent with C-TPAT Supply Chain Security Criteria for Container Security as listed below:

### ***Required Procedures***

Container integrity must be maintained to protect against the introduction of unauthorized material and/or persons. At point of stuffing, procedures must be in place to properly seal and maintain the integrity of the shipping containers. A high security seal must be affixed to all loaded containers bound for the U.S. All seals must meet or exceed the current PAS ISO 17712 standards for high security seals.

a. **Container Inspection**

Procedures must be in place to verify the physical integrity of the container structure prior to stuffing, which includes the reliability of the container door locking mechanisms.

b. **Container Seals**

Written procedures must stipulate how seals are to be controlled and affixed to loaded containers, which includes procedures for recognizing and reporting compromised seals and/or containers to U.S. Customs & Border Protection or the appropriate foreign authority.

c. **Container Storage**

Containers must be stored in a secure area to prevent unauthorized access and/or manipulation. Procedures must be in place for reporting and neutralizing unauthorized entry into containers or container storage areas.

### ***Recommendations***

d. **Container Inspection**

A seven-point inspection process is recommended for all containers:

- Front wall
- Left side
- Right side
- Floor
- Ceiling/Roof
- Inside/outside doors
- Outside/Undercarriage

e. **Container Seals**

Only designated employees should distribute container seals for integrity purposes.

We have read and agree to work towards implementing all U.S. Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Required Procedures for Container Security in the *DSW C-TPAT Supplier Requirements*, in a timely manner. Furthermore, we will strive towards implementing the Recommendations, we have deemed appropriate. Upon any updates or improvements to our Supply Chain Security Procedures we will immediately notify DSW's Transportation Team.

*Shipper Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Shipper Contact Person:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Shipper Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Agreement Date:* \_\_\_\_\_