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Action Required: Informational

Background:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)'s goal is to establish a holistic approach to strengthen the security of the supply chain and an approach that better reflects CBP's overall mission. To that end, issues related to cybersecurity, the protection of the supply chain from agricultural contaminants, the prevention of money laundering, terrorism financing, and the proper use/management of security technology, such as intrusion alarms and security camera systems, have been incorporated into the program's new criteria. Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) will continue to engage its members and the trade community at large to educate and socialize the new security requirements.

Current Status:

On August 3, 2023, AEO Mexico published the new security profiles for all AEO Mexico entities. The requirements were published within Mexico's Federal Official Register (Diario Oficial de la Federacion) aligning with the CTPAT program's minimum security criteria.

Next Steps:

AEO Mexico will allow a six-month transition period for all companies that are currently certified and in good standing. Moving forward, all new AEO Mexico applicants must meet the new program requirements.

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