



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

CTAC: A Multi-Agency Fusion Center for Import Safety Targeting

FACT SHEET

“The mission of the CTAC is to provide a vehicle to facilitate the sharing of information and leverage the collective resources of the participating government agencies for the prevention, preemption, deterrence, and investigation for violation of importation laws that affect United States interest in the import safety environment.”

- DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano

Federal agencies with authority governing the safety of products imported into the United States acknowledge the need to share information about the safety of those products.

To advance that goal, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center (CTAC) in 2009.

A Center for Information Sharing

CTAC is a new U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facility that serves as a multi-agency fusion center for targeting commercial shipments which pose a threat to health and safety.



Participating Agencies

- Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

Core Principles

The CTAC reflects the three core principles announced by President Obama’s Food Safety Working Group in July 2009:

- Prevention
- Surveillance
- Response

To accomplish the goals of the CTAC, the participating government agencies have developed and implemented joint procedures related to commercial targeting and coordination.

By coordinating activity, the CTAC is designed to streamline and enhance Federal efforts to address import safety issues.

Other appropriate Federal agencies may be added to CTAC in the future.