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## **Customs' Trade Partnership Against Terrorism**

### ***Liner Shipping Industry Provides Impressive Support For U.S. Government's Efforts to Secure America's Commerce***

The liner shipping industry is providing very widespread support for the U.S. Customs Service's Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program. On July 15, Customs opened the program to participation by ocean carriers. Member lines of the World Shipping Council -- which carry over 90 percent of America's international oceanborne liner cargo -- have demonstrated their commitment to the program as part of the industry's effort to support the government's strategy to improve international supply chain security.

"Ocean carriers representing the vast majority of the capacity serving America's international liner trades have enrolled in this security program. The industry is highly supportive of Customs Commissioner Bonner's C-TPAT initiative, and it will continue to cooperate with government programs designed to improve the security of America's international trade," Council President Christopher Koch said.

"The World Shipping Council fully supports the efforts of government to improve cargo security while ensuring the continued efficient and smooth flow of America's imports and exports. In addition, international efforts, including the current work of the International Maritime Organization, are underway to develop higher international security standards. Ocean carriers are pleased to support the Customs Service's C-TPAT initiative as one important part of the strategy to address the security challenges facing international commerce," said Koch.

A list of World Shipping Council member ocean carriers can be found at [www.worldshipping.org/abo\\_mem.html](http://www.worldshipping.org/abo_mem.html).