

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA

Item No. 4a

Date of Meeting April 10, 2012

DATE: March 30, 2012
TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Mike McLaughlin, Director Cruise & Maritime Operations
Arif Ghouse, Sr. Manager Seaport Security
SUBJECT: Special Order of Business – Customs and Trade Partnership Against
Terrorism (C-TPAT) Recertification

The United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in November of 2001 established a voluntary government and private sector partnership to help combat domestic and international terrorism by securing the global supply chain from point of origin to final destination. There are currently over 7,400 entities enrolled in this program which includes importers, customs brokers, terminal operators, carriers, foreign manufacturers and ports.

The C-TPAT program relies on voluntary participation and jointly developed security criteria, best practices and implementation procedures. The program works with partners and CBP to protect supply chains from concealment of terrorist weapons, including weapons of mass destruction. One of the goals of CBP through implementation of this program is to establish true “Green Lane” transportation that expedites C-TPAT shipments across and through all ports of entry, including seaports and airports.

On March 7, 2003, the Port of Seattle signed a memorandum of understanding to participate in the C-TPAT program. With this agreement, the Port acknowledged the importance of maintaining the integrity and security of our international supply chain. The Port submitted the required C-TPAT security profile which was reviewed and approved. This profile summarized the procedures the Port has in place to ensure effective supply chain security. The Port engaged CBP in this program to demonstrate our commitment to Maritime Security, and to encourage all of our tenant facilities to participate in the program. Subsequently all of our tenant facilities that handle international import cargo are certified C-TPAT participants.

On January 16, 2012, CBP selected the Port of Seattle to participate in a C-TPAT revalidation. The CBP revalidation team met with the Seaport Security Department on February 6, 2012, to review the security program and measures the Port has in place to maintain voluntary compliance with the C-TPAT program. As a result of this review, the Port of Seattle is now “recertified” and is in compliance with the C-TPAT program.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SPECIAL ORDER:

None.