

## Press release

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### **Cotecna awarded US SAFETY Act Designation**

The US Department of Homeland Security awarded Cotecna a Certificate of SAFETY Act Designation for their C-TPAT Third Party Validation services. Jay Cohen, the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, conferred the designation on 28 August 2007. This designation identifies Cotecna's C-TPAT Third Party Validation services as "Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology".

The SAFETY Act (Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act) provides liability protections for providers of Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technologies – whether they are products or services. The goal of the SAFETY Act is to encourage the development and deployment of new and innovative anti-terrorism products and services by providing liability protections.

The Cotecna services covered in this Designation include validation of supply chain activities' compliance with C-TPAT requirements. Under the guidelines for the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) C-TPAT Third Party Validation Pilot Program, Cotecna will work in conjunction with US importers to validate C-TPAT compliance of manufacturing and transportation companies in China, where CBP has been unable to conduct these operations.

*Daine Eisold, Vice President Supply Chain Security, said "Cotecna has been a stalwart and trusted leader of trade security and facilitation services for many years. This SAFETY Act designation recognizes our commitment to support important security initiatives in the industry, as well as our ability to effectively deliver these services worldwide."*

For more information:

Cotecna C-TPAT 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Validation services: <http://www.cotecna.com/COM/EN/C-TPAT-China.aspx>

SAFETY Act: [www.safetyact.gov](http://www.safetyact.gov)

C-TPAT: [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/commercial\\_enforcement/ctpat/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/commercial_enforcement/ctpat/)

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