



#### 4. Smooth flow, delivered

##### 4.2 Order management made easy

##### 4.2.4 Export shipping support and expertise



#### 4.2.4.1 C-TPAT requirements

The Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT) was launched by the U.S. in 2001 to strengthen overall supply chain and border security by encouraging companies to enhance their security programs. The C-TPAT program allows the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to designate companies as low risk and therefore less likely to be examined at border crossings. This designation is based on a company's past customs compliance history, and a validation of its supply chain security profile. Because of this, shipments are less likely to stay long periods of time at the borders, therefore saving money and precious time.

There are even more mutual benefits of being C-TPAT compliant. A reduction in border inspections and in border clearance allows for a predictable transit time and transportation cost. There is also a reduced compliance costs with customs requirements and an access to the FAST lanes at the Canadian and US border. These are some of the reasons why P.H. Tech can give such great delivery times. Also, C-TPAT gives priority movement across the border even during a red alert. Being C-TPAT compliant does not just help in terms of shipping, it also improves security within the work place and cargo theft is reduced.

Although C-TPAT is a voluntary program, some business opportunities in the US are being restricted to those with a C-TPAT certification, this means that P.H. Tech is one step ahead of the competition.