

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER  
**SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY ADVISOR**

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**PEST CONTAMINANTS**

As a certified C-TPAT company, we are committed to educating all our Business Partners on critical supply chain security issues and practices.

**REPORT:**

In case of any security incidents, involving your cargo, immediately report to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Please contact us for assistance in reporting an anomaly to CBP.

**CONTACT:**

For questions or comments on any supply chain security issues, please contact:

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**SHARE:**

We strongly recommend you forward and share this information to all your vendors, carriers, freight forwarders, and third party logistics providers involved in the supply chain.

**JOIN:**

We encourage all business partners and other eligible companies to join C-TPAT or your country's supply chain security program. For further information on C-TPAT, please click [HERE](#).

We recommend all vendors and carriers to visually inspect and make sure that cargo, pallets, crates and containers are kept free from pest contaminants.

**What are Pest Contaminants?**

They are visible forms of animals, insects or other invertebrates, any organic material from animal origin, plants or plant products, seeds, and other organic material like fungi; soil, water or garbage which are not part of your cargo.



Having pest contaminants in your cargo or containers can be costly and time consuming. We recommend the following procedures for the inspection of cargo and containers:

**Ways to prevent container contamination:**

1. Store containers away from natural areas and reduce vegetation around cargo and container storage areas.
2. Avoid placing containers over the grain, soil, or vegetation.
3. Keep containers clean.
4. Make sure to sweep, wash or vacuum prior to loading your cargo and visually inspect containers for contaminants and pests before loading.



**Ways to prevent cargo contamination:**

1. Store cargo away from vegetation and visually inspect cargo for contaminants and pests before loading.
2. Make sure to store, cover, and clean pallets and crates.