

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY



NEWS RELEASE

Please find here a news release issued today by the Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA):

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TAPA OFFERS CARGO INDUSTRY NEW ENTRY LEVEL FOR SECURITY STANDARDS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

The Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA) has launched a new entry level for its certification programmes for transport and logistics companies looking to implement industry-leading security standards to help protect their customers' goods from cargo crime.

Available to both members and non-members, the initiative aims to spearhead TAPA's new global campaign to increase the number of TAPA-certified cargo warehouses and trucking operations in Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific. Last month, the Association stated a three-year goal to double the number of TAPA-certified facilities to 2,000 worldwide and to make a 'quantum leap' in the number of trucking companies complying with its Trucking Security Requirements (TSR).

TAPA's Facilities Security Requirements (FSR) and TSR have been created by supply chain security professionals to help manufacturers reduce the risk of theft from their supply chains. TAPA's new campaign aims to make warehouse and trucking operations more resilient and give its manufacturer members a wider choice of TAPA-certified suppliers.

To qualify for entry level self-certification, companies need to:

- Attend one of the TAPA Security Standards training courses
- Pass the relevant examination at the end of the 1-2 day course
- Conduct their self audit

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- Submit the result to TAPA along with any supporting evidence, if required

Each self-audit will be reviewed by TAPA and, if approved, the appropriate certificate will be awarded. The self-certification process, help and advice and training is free for TAPA members. Non-members will be asked to pay a fee.



Thorsten Neumann, Chairman of TAPA's Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) region, said: "This initiative gives companies the

ability to adopt our entry-level security standards in a highly efficient way. In the majority of cases, our FSR Level 'C' and TSR Level '3' Standards already provide the degree of improved security required by manufacturers, although many of our members opt for the higher independently-audited certification levels for their major operations. At the

entry level, one in-house TAPA-trained auditor can complete the validation of multiple facilities so this is an extremely cost effective opportunity for logistics and transport companies to demonstrate their supply chain security commitment to customers. We are confident that companies that have a professional approach to security will be ready to start the TAPA certification process."

Companies that want to know more about TAPA's Security Standards should contact certification.campaign@tapa-global.org

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About TAPA

TAPA was formed in 1997 to tackle the multi-billion euro problem of cargo thefts from the supply chain. Today, it boasts over 800 member companies globally, including many of the world's biggest manufacturers and logistics service providers as well as leading SME freight forwarding and transport operators, and other stakeholders.

TAPA's mission is to minimise cargo losses from the supply chain. TAPA achieves this through the development and application of global security standards, recognised industry practices, technology, education, benchmarking, regulatory collaboration, and the proactive identification of crime trends and supply chain security threats.

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