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Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Letter of Participation and Encouragement

This communication serves as J.W. Allen & Company, Inc.'s notice of participation and compliance with guidelines set forth for C-TPAT certification. Recognizing the importance of ensuring the integrity and security of cross border shipments within the international supply chain, J.W. Allen & Company, Inc. proudly joined the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Program. Our C-TPAT certification reflects our commitment to and adherence with the policies and procedures put in place by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to protect our nation from contraband entering and exiting our country through international borders.

Importers as well as all other parties involved in the handling and movement of goods in international trade are strongly encouraged to participate in the C-TPAT program. Participation by all members of each of your individual supply chains helps assure the safest and quickest possible way to cross international borders and expedite the movement of goods.

C-TPAT Partners enjoy a variety of benefits, including taking an active role in working closer with the U.S. Government in its war against terrorism. As they do this, Partners are able to better identify their own security vulnerabilities and take corrective actions to mitigate risks. Some of the benefits of the program include:

- Reduced number of CBP examinations
- Front of the line inspections
- Possible exemption from Stratified Exams
- Shorter wait times at the border
- Assignment of a Supply Chain Security Specialist to the company
- Access to the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) Lanes at the land borders
- Access to the C-TPAT web-based Portal system and a library of training materials
- Possibility of enjoying additional benefits by being recognized as a trusted trade Partner by foreign Customs administrations that have signed Mutual Recognition with the United States
- Eligibility for other U.S. Government pilot programs, such as the FDA's Secure Supply Chain program
- Business resumption priority following a natural disaster or terrorist attack
- Importer eligibility to participate in the Importer Self-Assessment Program (ISA)
- Priority consideration at CBP's industry-focused Centers of Excellence and Expertise

For more information on the C-TPAT Program please visit the CBP website at www.cbp.gov/ . You can also contact Jerry Becnel with J.W. Allen at (504) 336-5672 or jerry@jwallen.com.

Help ensure the safe and secure movement of trade; become a C-TPAT participant today!

Sincerely

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