

CONTAINER SECURITY INITIATIVE

“SECURING THE TRADE LANES”



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Layered Enforcement Strategy

In response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) developed a layered cargo security strategy:

- Container Security Initiative (CSI)
- Customs – Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)
- 24-Hour Rule, 10 + 2 Data
- National Targeting Center – Cargo (NTC-C)

In 2006, CSI was codified into law as part of the SAFE Port Act.



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CSI Mission Statement

“To Prevent and Deter Terrorist Use of Maritime Containers While Facilitating the Movement of Legitimate Trade.”



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Core Elements of CSI

- Collaborative international working relationships with host governments.
- The use automated targeting tools to identify high-risk shipments.
- A physical presence overseas to target, mitigate, and perform examinations with host government.
- Use advanced technology to inspect high-risk containers.



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Facts

- CSI was first implemented in large volume ports. Additional locations based on strategic significance.
- CSI is currently operational in 60 ports and 35 countries worldwide.
- Approx. 80% of maritime containerized cargo destined to US is screened at CSI port.
- Current overseas staffing – 86 CBP Officers.
- In FY 2014 CSI teams reviewed over 11.5 million bills of lading and conducted 110,041 exams – overall exam rate 99.7%.
- CSI NTC-C staff has increased from 18 in FY2009 to 42 today.



CSI Operational Models



- Traditional – CBP Officers stationed overseas
- Hub Concept with CSI-RT – Italy, France, UK
- CSI-RT (NTC-C) – Australia, New Zealand, Israel
- Reciprocity – Canada
- CSI-RT with LES – Pakistan, Jordan



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Container Security Initiative Office of Field Operations



OPERATIONAL PORTS



★ Currently Operational Ports



CSI Division Branches

Operations Branch

Operational
Support Branch

Evaluations and
Assessments
Branch



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Operations Branch (Jim Carson)



- Comprised of 7 Country Team Managers (CTMs) who are responsible for day to day oversight and management of all CSI ports. Must respond 24x7
- CTMs coordinate and communicate with host government officials.
- Ensures effective and efficient deployment of overseas officers.
- Coordinates targeting efforts with NTC-C.



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Operational Support Branch (Febe Hernandez)



- CSI training coordination and administration.
- CSI personnel recruitment.
- Budget and property management.
- Ensures CBP Officers are fully prepared for overseas deployment.



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Evaluations and Assessments Branch

(Debbie Wintjen)



Conduct evaluations of all CSI ports to ensure CSI personnel are in full compliance with CBP Standard Operating Procedures and applicable State Department polices. Evaluations include:

- Assessing program performance.
- Resolving findings.
- Communicating successes and best practices.



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National Targeting Center Cargo (NTCC)



- 24 X 7 operation that supports CBP's anti-terrorism mission.
- Provides additional targeting support in high volume CSI ports.
- Liaises with other law enforcement agencies.
- Facilitates remote targeting efforts with New Zealand, Israel, Pakistan, Jordan, and Australia, Canada.



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Success Stories

- Jan. 2014 – CSI Puerto Cortes, Honduras provided information to their Honduran counterparts that lead to a seizure of 4,615 pounds of cocaine concealed in a drywall shipment from Colombia.
- Nov 2013 – CSI Valencia provided their Spanish counterpart with information that led to the seizure of 220 lbs. of cocaine.
- April 2014 – CSI Cartagena, Colombia coordinated the screening of 4 containers destined to Germany. The contents were manifested as pineapple chunks. Upon inspection 20 of 40 pallets were loaded with bricks of cocaine totaling 15,234 lbs.
- July 2014- CSI Algeciras, Spain coordinated with their Spanish counterparts to identify 7 stolen vehicles shipped from Newark, NJ destined to West Africa.



CSI Future Engagements

- Expand beyond current DOPs
- Provide support to other CBP/CCS Initiatives – product safety, transactions, information gathering
- Possible support to Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS)
- Engage with host government partners to determine benefits, possible enhancements to their programs.



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