

Glossary of Terms

Term	Acronym (If applicable.)	Definition
Applicant		Entity seeking TAPA certification. While applicants are typically Logistics Service Providers (LSP), they can also be Customer seeking certification for their own warehouses or trucking fleets.
Assisted Global Positioning System	AGPS	Device used for tracking shipments, usually but not always placed with the cargo. Must use technology that is not cell triangulation
Broker A		The broker who is tendered the load from the customer in a co-broker scenario
Broker B		The broker who is tendered the load from Broker A and tenders the load to the carrier
Co-Brokering		The process where one freight broker tenders a shipment to another broker knowing that they intend to broker it
Customer		The entity responsible for tendering the load(s) and setting the security tier for the Freight Broker. May be, but does not have to be, the product owner.
Days		Unless otherwise defined in the requirement(s), “days” is defined as “calendar days” and include weekends and holidays.
Facility Security Requirements	FSR	Standard for how cargo should be securely stored
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	FMCSA	The Federal regulatory agency and database of transportation service providers in the United States.
Freight Broker (aka Broker)	FB	Company that arranges transportation on loads but does not own trucking assets. Traditionally accepts load from a shipper and arranges for a motor carrier to transport
Freight Broker Security Requirements	FBSR	Standard for cargo security by a freight broker
Full truck Load	FTL	Shipment where only one company’s product is transported in a trailer
Global Positioning System	GPS	Device that uses satellite technology to determine location
High Target Cargo	HTC	A load that is targeted for theft based on value, commodity, lane, or any combination.
High Value Load/High Target Load	HVL / HTL	Shipment who has a higher-than-average value. Defined differently depending on company but traditionally \$100k or more. HVT and HTL are interchangeable
Load Board		A load board is an online platform that connects shippers with carriers in the trucking industry. It facilitates the process of finding and booking freight loads.
Oversize/Overweight	OSOW	Any shipment where the weight or dimensions exceed what is allowed without special exception
Safety and Fitness Electronic Records System	SAFER	The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration database for trucking company snapshot information including electronic record of company size, commodity information, safety record, and rating.
Subject Matter Expert	SME	An individual that is considered an expert on a subject, either in an industry or company
Tabletop Exercise		A tabletop exercise is an informal, discussion-based session in which a team discusses their roles and responses during an emergency, walking through one or more example scenarios.
TAPA Cyber Security Standards	CSS	Standards to be certified in information security
Transported Asset Protection Association	TAPA	Organization that offers security standards across multiple fields
Trucking Company (aka Carrier)		The entity that takes possession of the freight during the course of delivery and moves it from the shipper to the consignee/final destination.
Trucking Security Requirements	TSR	Standard for how cargo should be securely transported