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TAPA RELEASES NEW CYBER SECURITY STANDARDS FOR SUPPLY CHAINS

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA – The Transported Asset Protection Association announced today that it had developed Cyber Security Standards (CSS) to help protect against supply chain cybercriminals.

Cyber-attacks on global supply chains are becoming increasingly prevalent. Bad actors exploit supply chain vulnerabilities to steal intellectual property, steal or misdirect cargo shipments, corrupt software, surveil critical infrastructure and infiltrate trusted suppliers and vendors. "Our goal is to mitigate this threat by developing a global standard that recognizes reasonable levels of cyber security, vendor risk assessments, incident response plans, and secured third-party vendor relationships," said Allen Gear, Chair of TAPA-The Americas.

"The Standards lay out a minimum set of requirements that provide a baseline for a supply chain cyber security program," said Lina Li, Chair of TAPA - APAC. "Moreover, they allow organizations of all sizes and degrees of risk to apply the principles and best practices of cyber risk management and improve the supply chain security and resiliency of their critical infrastructure."

These standards are intended to be single-level and linked to a certification in the TAPA Facility Security Requirements (FSR) Standard or the TAPA Trucking Security Requirements (TSR) Standard. Accordingly, to request certification under the CSS, an applicant must already be certified by a TAPA-approved independent audit body to FSR Level A or TSR Level 1. Or the applicant can pursue certification simultaneously with the FSR or TSR.

Both the AMERICAS and APAC regions will be supporting the CSS standards with web-based training and supporting resources. More information and a copy of the TAPA Cyber Security Standards are available on the regional websites.

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The Transported Asset Protection Association is a nonprofit association formed in 1997 to tackle the multi-billion-dollar problem of cargo thefts from supply chains. It is a coalition of manufacturers, shippers, carriers, insurers, service providers, law enforcement, and government agencies. Our members represent every type of company or organization facing cargo crime within the transportation supply chain.