

U.S. Customs Service

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Mr. Stephen P. Cortelli Russell A. Farrow (U.S.) Inc. 27221 Northline Road Taylor, Michigan 48180

Dear Mr. Cortelli:

On behalf of the United States Customs Service, I want to thank you for submitting your Supply Chain Security Profile Questionnaire. By joining with us in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), you are contributing to the security of our borders and to the continued free flow of international trade.

The participation of Russell A. Farrow (U.S.) Inc. and others from the broker and consolidator communities is but a first important step in what promises to be a sustained effort to meet the challenge posed by the terrorist threat to the United States. Your role in the C-TPAT is to continue current efforts to secure your company's operations against possible' compromise, communicate your efforts to' your business partners; and maintain a high level of compliance in other Customs related areas.

Our commitment to you, consistent with our mission-critical objectives, is to provide an entry process marked by the efficient release of goods and the prompt resolution of any outstanding issues affecting Customs processing of shipments. In addition, Customs is in the process of assigning a person who will act as your liaison for all C-TPAT related matters. In the interim, for any C-TPAT related issues, please contact the Customs Headquarters C-TPAT office until you have been notified who your C-TPAT point of contact will 6e. Please be reminded that, if you currently have an Account Manger assigned to your company, you may continue to engage him or her with any Customs related questions or concerns.

TRADITION

SERVICE

HONOR

After careful review of your security profile, we are pleased to inform you that you have completed your Supply Chain Security Profile commitment.and we welcome you as a certified member of the C-TPAT program. Customs will proceed to provide Russell A. Farrow (U.S.) Inc., with C-TPAT benefits. Forthcoming benefits

will include anti-terrorism training seminars, sharing of information and best practices, *etc.*

Please be aware that as part of the continually evolving security process, C-TPAT participants should develop and maintain a complete and detailed security plan to be available for Customs to review upon request. Also, as part of your ongoing C-TPAT commitment, a selfpolicing program should be developed in order to review security procedures on a regular basis. Please see the attached document with regards to self-policing. U.S. Customs will soon provide all partners with a C-TPAT yearly assessment to be completed by the appropriate company officials.

Again, I welcome you as a C-TPAT partner and I thank you in advance for your support in this important effort.

Enclosed you will find a co-signed copy of the C-TPAT agreement and a consent form, to be signed at your discretion, granting Customs permission to mention your company's name during public events dealing with trade security issues.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Robert Perez, Director, C-TPAT at (202) 927-0520.

Sincerely, layson P. Ahern

Assistant Commissioner Office of Field Operations

Enclosures

Agreement to Voluntarily Participate Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism

Broker

This Agreement is made between Russell A. Farrow (U.S.) Inc., of Detroit, Michigan, USA (hereafter referred to as "the Broker") and the United States Customs Service (hereafter referred to as "Customs").

This Agreement between the Broker and Customs is intended to enhance the joint efforts of the Broker and Customs to develop a more secure border environment by focusing on the accuracy and timeliness of information provided to Customs during the cargo entry and clearance process, by increasing the awareness of brokerage employees and clients on the importance of supply chain security, and by exchanging relevant information when security-related discrepancies are detected. Customs and the Broker recognize the need to address these security issues in order to maintain an efficient and compliant import process.

The Broker agrees to develop and implement, within a framework consistent with the listed recommendations/guidelines, a verifiable, documented program to enhance security procedures and increase security awareness throughout its operations. The broker agrees to communicate the attached recommendations and guidelines to its clients during the normal course of business.

Specifically, the Broker agrees to:

- 1. Sign and return this agreement to the U.S. Customs Service, Office of Field Operations.
- 2. Complete and return the attached Security Profile Questionnaire within 60 days of signing and returning the agreement to Customs. An additional 30 days may be granted upon request.
- 3. Brokers will be asked to implement security and/or trade compliance improvement programs, included in their account action plans, when needed.

Specifically, Customs agrees to:

- 1. Provide feedback and recommendations to the Broker on the information provided in the Security Profile Questionnaire within 30 days of receipt.
- 1. Provide technical guidance when requested and when practical.
- 2. Consider the Broker's acceptance and implementation of the listed guideline when making risk determinations for the purposes of cargo examinations and document reviews.

The listed recommendations/guidelines reflect the mutual understanding of the Broker and Customs of what constitutes the basic elements of supply chain security.

This Agreement will be administered pursuant to a plan jointly developed by Customs and the Broker. This Agreement is subject to review by the Broker or Customs and may be terminated with written notice by either party.

This Agreement cannot, by law, exempt the Broker from any statutory or regulatory sanctions associated with the Broker's responsibilities in its Customs transactions. Nothing in this Agreement relieves the Broker of any responsibilities with respect to United States law, including the Customs Regulations.

United States Customs

Stephen P. Cortelli, General Manager-Treasurer Russell A. Farrow (U.S.) Inc