



Science and Technology

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BLOCK DESIGNATION NOTICE

The Department of Homeland Security (the Department) has completed its review of the Transportation Security Administration's Screening Partnership Program as a Block Designation, pursuant to the Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. §§ 441–444 (the SAFETY Act), and the Regulations Implementing the Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, 6 C.F.R. Part 25, 71 Fed. Reg. 33147, 33159 (June 8, 2006) (the Regulations). Pursuant to Section 25.3 of the Regulations, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (the Secretary) has delegated responsibilities, powers, and functions under the SAFETY Act, except the authority to declare that an act is an Act of Terrorism for purposes of Section 444(2) of the SAFETY Act, to the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security or the Under Secretary's designees.

In accordance with Sections 25.4(b) and 25.6(h) of the Regulations, I have determined that Screening Partnership Program Participants affirmatively satisfy the criteria for a SAFETY Act Block Designation and are therefore eligible to apply for inclusion in this Block Designation. A determination of inclusion will be made by the Department in accordance with Section 25.6(h) of the Regulations, following an expedited review of the application, subject to the terms and conditions below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **Block Designation for Screening Partnership Program Participants.** Technologies participating in the Transportation Security Administration's Screening Partnership Program (SPP) have relevance to the Department's anti-terrorism mission and entities participating in the SPP may apply for SAFETY Act Designation pursuant to this Block Designation. This Block Designation is based on program requirements set forth by the Transportation Security Administration for the SPP.
- **Timeline for Expedited Review.** The Office of SAFETY Act Implementation (OSAI) expects to process complete applications related to this Block Designation Notice within 90 days of receipt. This will allow for a complete review of an Applicant's insurance and financial information.
- **Application Requirements**

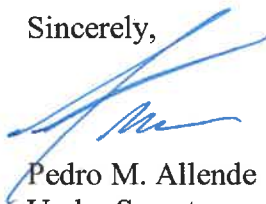
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- OSAI will coordinate with the Screening Partnership Program Office to verify the names of Applicants under the Block Designation, as participants in the SPP.
 - Applicants under this Block Designation Notice will be required to submit a Block Designation Application, DHS Form 10005 via the SAFETY Act Website (www.SAFETYAct.gov).
 - For purposes of Section 25.6(h), if the Department approves an application submitted pursuant to a Block Designation, that applicant is considered a Seller of a Qualified Anti-terrorism Technology. Pursuant to Section 443(a) of the SAFETY Act and Sections 25.5(a) and (g) of the Regulations, Sellers of Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technologies shall obtain or maintain liability insurance for otherwise compensable third-party claims arising out of, relating to, or resulting from an Act of Terrorism when the Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology has been deployed in defense against, response to, or recovery from such an act. To establish such a limit, the Applicant must submit answers to Item BD.11 and Item BD.12 (Insurance and Financial information) in the Block Designation Application, DHS Form 10005.
 - Applicants wishing to apply for Certification should contact OSAI for additional instructions.
- Term of this Block Designation Notice. This Block Designation Notice will expire on February 28, 2031. The expiration of this Notice is independent from, and will have no effect on, the term of any Designation received by Applicants under the Block.
 - Other Conditions
 - This Block Designation may be reviewed and modified at any time by the Department.

Note: Please reference specific SPP instructions posted on www.SAFETYAct.gov for further guidance on filing an application pursuant to this Block Designation Notice.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the SAFETY Act Help Desk by email at SAFETYActHelpDesk@hq.dhs.gov. Please reference “Screening Partnership Program Services” in all correspondence.

Sincerely,



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Under Secretary
Science and Technology Directorate

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