

U.S. security initiatives span the globe

PORT OF ORIGIN

Container Security: Initiative: U.S. Customs agents are based in cooperating international ports, where they assist in identifying high-risk containers that need inspection before being shipped to this country.

24-Hour Advance Manifest: Carriers must provide cargo descriptions and valid consignee addresses 24 hours before cargo is loaded at a foreign port for shipment to the U.S.

IN TRANSIT

Smart Box Initiative: CBP has been evaluating a range of technologies that would notify container handlers and government agencies if a container has been broken into or otherwise tampered with.

Automatic Identification System: Vessel-tracking equipment would automatically send detailed information to other ships and shore-based agencies, allowing for close to real-time tracking and monitoring

PORT OF ARRIVAL

NII Technology: Non-intrusive inspection devices screen at-risk cargo for the presence of anomalous materials, illegal immigrants, and other high-risk contents.



Operation Port Shield: The Coast Guard is inspecting each ship on its first visit to the United States to determine whether it meets the security requirements laid out by U.S. law and international standards.

BEHIND THE SCENES

TWIC: The Transportation Worker Identification Credential is intended to provide biometrically-enabled ID cards to workers in all facets of the transportation industry.

C-TPAT: Under the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terror, companies in the global supply chain can enroll in C-TPAT and self-certify that they meet U.S. and international standards for security, in return for streamlined customs processing.

Automated Targeting System: Used by the National Targeting Center, this tool uses pre-arrival information and contributions from the intelligence community to identify at-risk containers.

National Targeting Center: The data collection and analysis center for the Homeland Security Department, it collates information from all reporting requirements and uses sophisticated algorithms to identify high-risk containers.

