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TAPA POSITION STATEMENT

SUPPORTING TRUCK PARKING IN EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES

TAPA EMEA strongly support all initiatives, standards and regulatory requirements which promote the safety and security of people, goods, equipment and services in the global supply chain.

One key area, in particular, is addressing the need for more secure truck parking areas across the European Union (EU).

TAPA EMEA supports the work of the European Commission (EC) in creating a new *Safe and Secure Truck Parking Standard (SSTPA)*:

- We encourage our members and the supply chain industry to promote the use of the EU's SSTPA requirements;
- Users and operators of truck parking sites should introduce SSTPA at the earliest opportunity;
- Use of SSTPA provides common requirements and security levels that will provide standardisation and clarity to logistics and transport operators;
- SSTPA will help maintain the focus on the safety and security of drivers and goods;
- TAPA will provide ongoing support to the EC and the EU Members States to roll out and increase uptake of the SSTPA.

TAPA believes it can adopt and deliver the same SSTPA requirements and security levels within its own supply chain security certification programmes. This will give existing or new TAPA certification users an established base of knowledge and experience to call upon and will help promote a faster take-up of certified parking sites across the EU. We hope to achieve this by utilising our Association's existing and proven capability in administering an independent certification scheme (i.e. TAPA Facility Security Requirements and TAPA Truck Security Requirements).

TAPA seeks to achieve this important objective by:

- Seeking support from the EC, our members and supply chain industry associates;
- Adapting TAPA's existing Parking Security Requirements (PSR) by replacing the PSR core requirements with the SSTPA requirements, but retaining TAPA's existing methods of oversight;
- Establishing an agreement with the EC that ensures requirements remain in sync and that co-operation and transparency is maintained at all times.

EC SSTPA and TAPA PSR alignment has been an objective for TAPA for some time and TAPA would welcome the opportunity discuss its ideas and support with the EC.

Therefore, we are now reaching out to the EC to formally start discussions and are looking for support. Many TAPA members have already expressed a keen interest in this approach, especially as TAPA represents end-to-end supply chain members (manufacturers, distributors, logistics service providers, trucking companies, insurers, security equipment providers and parking place owners).

We believe delivering an SSTPA option that will also have proven TAPA best practices built in will receive widespread industry support.



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