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1.0.0 Executive Summary

1.1.0 Background

1.1.1 APEC Private Sector Supply Chain Security Guidelines are a compilation of recommendations for effective supply chain security regimes from several sources, including the World Customs Organization and private programs.

1.1.2 Guidelines such as these could be used by private firms to enhance their supply chain security practices and could be included in the curriculum of capacity building activities designed to teach the principles of supply chain security.

1.2.0 Key Elements of Supply Chain Security

1.2.1 The key elements of supply chain security include: Physical Security, Access Control; Personnel Security; Education and Training Awareness; Procedural Security; Documentation Processing Security; Trading Partner Security; Conveyance Security; and, Crisis Management and Disaster Recovery.

1.3.0 General Guidelines and Observations

1.3.1 Elements of supply chain security pertain differently to each organization.

1.3.2 The focus of supply chain security should be those elements of greatest importance to the organization.

1.3.3 Complex, multi-country supply chains demand more collaboration on security issues.

1.3.4 Security inside the organization is not sufficient; collaboration outside the organization is essential.

1.3.5 Conduct security assessments and implement security plans; update those plans regularly.

1.3.6 Comply with international standards and requirements as set, among others, by the World Customs Organization, the International Maritime Organization, and the International Standards Organization.