



## Supply Chain Security Certification

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### Supply Chain Management

Supply Chain Management is the perfection of the procurement and logistics disciplines. The difficulty is well known: minimising costs while maximising supply capability. In the globalised market, suppliers and subsuppliers as well as main customers are spread around the world. The reliability of the supply chain is not ensured without positive control. This is the necessity behind the Supply Chain Security (SCS) discipline.

### Supply Chain Security

Things that used to be dealt with applying healthy common sense now need to be handled with systematic monitoring. In the mostly local procurement field all that was needed was a telephone call to avoid a supply bottleneck. If necessary, you could look in on the supplier and obtain the required merchandise yourself. The greater the distances and the more varied the procurement structure, the greater is the possibility that the supply chain will be broken at some point. This is not just due to terrorism. Other factors include strikes, political embargoes, unexpected snowfalls, subsupplier bankruptcy, etc.

### Management system

As the procurement channels are just as dynamic as your products, their configurations and the variety of your product range, Supply Chain Security represents an ongoing process. In view of this, the ISO has developed the ISO 28000 standard which describes a certifiable management system that defines abstract requirements. It can thus be optimally tailored to your company and its changing needs. ISO 28000 has a similar structure to ISO 9001, which increases and simplifies its integration in an existing management system.

### Introduction

The implementation of a Supply Chain Security management system is normally carried out in a multi-stage process:

#### ► Assessment

An analysis shows the condition of your current Supply Chain Security system. This is normally carried out by conducting interviews, making self-assessments, presenting the channels involved and highlighting targets to be achieved.

#### ► Risk analysis

An extensive risk analysis systematically indicates the priorities among the weaknesses which can prevent a smooth flow of goods and information.

#### ► System concept

In addition to the drawing up of a catalogue of measures, your needs are optimally compared with the requirements of ISO 28000 and prepared for integration in the existing management system.

#### ► Implementation of measures

The fundamentals that have been worked out are implemented in processes, organisational measures and technical changes.

For the introduction and implementation of the SCS management system we recommend the use of specialists, for example from the firm of Tompkins [www.tompkinsinc.com](http://www.tompkinsinc.com)

### Certification

Given the dynamic quality of Supply Chain Security and the structure of ISO 28000, certification of the Supply Chain Security management system is recommendable. It offers advantages such as regular control of the system and therefore also reliability of the supply chain. As a result, the effort involved in its introduction leads to long-term benefit. Certification also benefits your customers and suppliers by ensuring the seamlessness of Supply Chain Security.

Certification contains the following steps:

#### ► Stage 1 Audit

In a first stage the conformity of the management system documentation is checked and the readiness of the various locations involved for initial certification examined. The effort involved in certification can thus be determined.

#### ► Initial certification

In the certification process the implementation and effectiveness of the management system are assessed. Through the generally formulated standard requirements it has to be ensured that the concrete goal of your reliable supply chain is achieved.

#### ► Surveillance

On an annual basis the certification body conducts system monitoring with the character of sample checks.

#### ► Recertification

After two surveillance audits a recertification takes place which, having a similar scope to the initial certification, can verify the ongoing improvement of the management system.

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