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Dear Valued Supplier or Service Provider:

In April, 2002, the US Customs Service announced general membership opportunities to the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism program (CTPAT), which is a joint industry/government initiative to address the threat of terrorism related to cargo shipments. Agilent Technologies applied for and has been accepted into this very important CTPAT program. There are obligations associated with participation in this program, the most important being the securing of our product pipelines, from production to the delivery to our receiving locations. This also entails obligations on the part of our suppliers and service providers, which is the purpose of this letter.

As a strong advocate of the CTPAT program, Agilent’s goals are to enhance and maintain effective security processes throughout the global supply chain, and to ensure the timely delivery of all incoming cargo. As a valued supplier, your support of CTPAT is critical. Agilent urges each of its US suppliers to join CTPAT. In addition, US Customs expects non-US suppliers to implement appropriate security measures within their own supply chains. Accordingly, Agilent expects each of our suppliers of goods or services to notify their plants, offices, and subsidiaries of the CTPAT program and of Agilent’s participation.

In securing your supply chain, Agilent advises you to review the security recommendations posted on the US Customs website: CTPAT: Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism | U.S. Customs and Border Protection (cbp.gov) You should use these guidelines to assess the adequacy of your security and take steps to improve those that are not adequate.

Examples of the areas for which US Customs provides recommendations are:

1. **Procedural Security**: procedures for the movement of goods to protect against shipments being tampered with or unmanifested goods being introduced into the supply chain.

2. **Physical Security**: construction and material make up of buildings, entrance security, lighting, etc., for purposes of preventing unlawful entry.

3. **Access Control**: procedures to prevent unauthorized access to facilities and conveyances.

4. **Personnel Security**: employment screening and background checks, and disciplinary measures for personnel that breach security.

5. **Education and Training**: a program to train employees regarding security awareness, cargo integrity, and procedures for reporting discrepancies.

6. **Manifest Procedures**: procedures to ensure manifest accuracy and timeliness.

7. **Conveyance Security**: conveyance integrity to protect against unauthorized personnel, unmanifested materials, or tampering.
(8) **Agricultural Security:** The introduction of foreign animal and plant contaminants such as soil, manure, seeds, and plant and animal material may harbor invasive and destructive pests and diseases. Ensuring compliance with CTPAT’s agricultural requirements will also help protect a key industry in the U.S. and the overall global food supply.

More information is available on the website. Agilent urges your implementation of these recommendations, and notifying all parties in your organization of Agilent’s interest, as well as the interest of the US Customs Service, in this initiative. Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and your compliance will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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