

Container Security Initiative In Summary

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection The Container Security Initiative (CSI) was established in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks as part of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) layered cargo security strategy. CSI addresses the threat to border security and global trade posed by the potential terrorist use of a maritime container by deploying multidisciplinary teams to foreign seaports. These teams target and examine high-risk cargo before it is laden on board a vessel bound for the United States - protecting global trade lanes and systems between overseas points of origin and the United States, thus attaining greater security through collaboration.

Announced in January 2002, CSI was first implemented in ports shipping the highest volume of containers to the



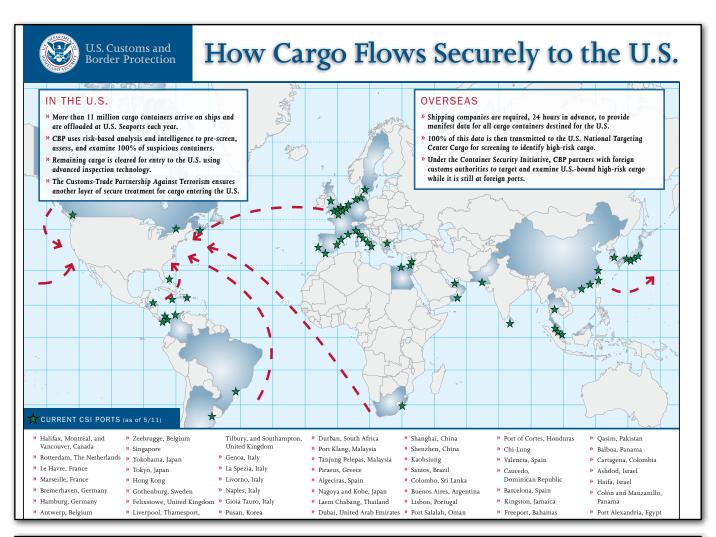
United States; subsequently expanding to include strategic ports. CSI operates in 58 ports worldwide: North, Central, and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and throughout Asia.

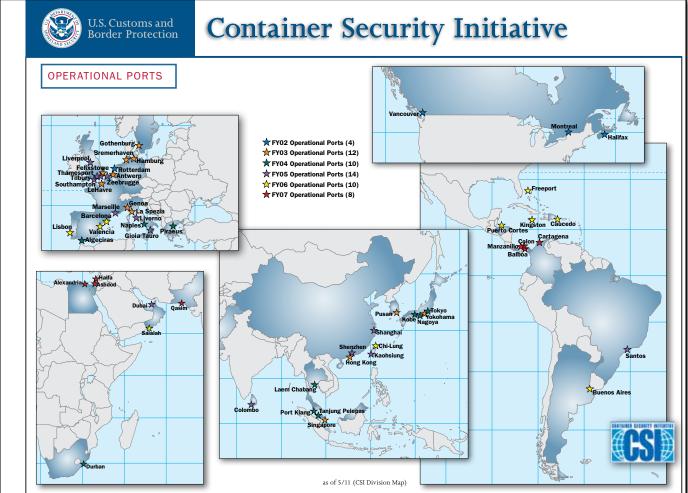
Currently, over 80 percent of all maritime cargo imported into the United States is subject to prescreening. The World Customs Organization (WCO), the European Union (EU), and the G8 support CSI expansion and have adopted resolutions implementing CSI security measures introduced at ports throughout the world.

Exams conducted as % of requested FY 2010 94% FY 2009 93% FY 2008 95% 95% 0 100









Operational Ports

In the Americas and Caribbean:

Kingston, Jamaica
Freeport, The Bahamas
Balboa, Colón and Manzanillo, Panama
Cartagena, Colombia
La Spezia, Genoa, Naples, Gioia Tauro, and Livorno, Italy
Felixstowe, Liverpool, Thamesport, Tilbury, and Southampton, United Kingdom (U.K.)
Piraeus, Greece
Algeciras, Barcelona, and Valencia, Spain
Lisbon, Portugal
Shenzhen and Shanghai
Kaohsiung and Chi-Lung
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Port Salalah, Oman
Port Qasim, Pakistan
Port of Ashdod, Israel
Port in Haifa, Israel
Alexandria, Egypt



CSI Core Elements:

- 1. Using intelligence and automated advance targeting information to identify and target containers that pose a risk for terrorism;
- 2. Prescreening those containers that pose a risk at the port of departure before they arrive at the POE; and
- 3. Using state-of-the-art detection technology to scan containers that pose a risk.

Each year, about 108 million cargo containers are transported through seaports around the world, constituting the most critical component of global trade. In fiscal year 2010, more than 10.1 million maritime shipments were reviewed in CSI Ports before arriving at United States seaports, an average of 27,600 a day. Almost 90 percent of the world's manufactured goods move by container, and about 40 percent arriving by ship. All trading nations depend on containerized shipping for the transportation of manufactured goods.



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