Truck and Trailer Inspection Workshop

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Inspection Workshop

This inspection workshop is intended to help you recognize trucks and trailers that have been compromised for the purpose of smuggling terrorists, terrorist weapons and contraband.

The methods used within this handout do not supersede company policies and procedures regarding security at the workplace.

If suspicious cargo and/or contraband is detected, immediately notify your Supervisor. Contact the proper authorities and U.S. Customs & Border Protection, as warranted.

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The inspection workshop will cover:

- 17-point truck and trailer inspection process
- Inspection documentation
- Affixing seals
Policies and Procedures…

Inspection processes should be conducted at key points throughout the supply chain:

- Container Storage Depot
- Manufacturer
- Service Provider
- Carrier
- Third Party Warehouse
- Distribution Center
- Customer

* The more locations these inspections are conducted, the higher level of security your shipment will have.
Conveyance Security Criteria…

Conveyance Inspection Procedures:

- Using a checklist, drivers should be trained to inspect their conveyances for natural or hidden compartments. Training in conveyance searches should be adopted as part of the company’s on-the-job training program.

- Conveyance inspections must be systematic and should be completed upon entering and departing from the truck yard and at the last point of loading prior to reaching the U.S. border.

- Highway carriers must visually inspect all empty trailers, to include the interior of the trailer, at the truck yard and at the point of loading, if possible.
## 17-Point Truck & Trailer Inspection

1. Bumper
2. Engine
3. Tires (truck & trailer)
4. Floor (inside truck)
5. Fuel Tanks
6. Cab/ Storage Compartments
7. Air Tanks
8. Drive Shafts
9. Fifth Wheel
10. Outside/ Undercarriage
11. Outside/ Inside Doors
12. Floor (inside trailer)
13. Side Walls
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16. Refrigeration Unit
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Tractor, Rig, Mule, etc.  Container, Box, Ro-Ro, etc.

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1.) Bumper

[Image of a truck bumper]

Flashlight

Inspection Mirror
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2.) Engine

Engine Off

Use Mirror

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2.) Engine

Check Compartments  Remove Filter

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3.) Tires

**Use Tool / Vibrate**

**Check Spare**

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4.) Floor (inside truck)

Check / No People Inside
Lift Carpet / New Repairs

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5.) Fuel Tanks

Tap / Void Sound

Use Flashlight / Look Inside

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6.) Cab / Storage Compartments

Inside / Outside

Keep Locked

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7.) Air Tanks

- Truck / Tap / Void Sound
- Trailer / Weld Marks
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8.) Drive Shafts

**Repairs / New Paint**

**Tap Test / Hollow Sound**
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9.) Fifth Wheel

Check Empty Spaces

Battery Area / Secure

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10.) Outside / Undercarriage

Use Mirror / Inside Lip

Rear Lights / Check Area
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11.) Outside / Inside Doors

- Check Locking Mechanism
- Bolts / Rivets Secure

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11.) Outside / Inside Doors

- Door Hinges / Secure
- Repairs / Weld Marks

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12.) Floor (inside trailer)

- Flat / Not Lifted
- Planks / Bolted Down
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13.) Side Walls

Check New / Loose Panels  Use Light / Look Inside
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14.) Front Wall

Secure Panels / Repairs

Measure Length / False Wall

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15.) Ceiling / Roof

Measure Height / Floor

New Rivets / Repairs

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16.) Refrigeration Unit

Open Doors / Check Inside

Use Light / Unit Off!

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17.) Exhaust

Taped Packages / Rope

Not Loose / HOT!!!
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Tires:

Steel Compartment / Cocaine

One Tire / Multiple Use
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Air Tanks:

- **Weld Mark / Looks Rusty**
- **One Kilo / Cocaine**

Seizures

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Fifth Wheel:

Hollowed-Out Compartments / Marijuana
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Batteries:

Top Cover Loose / Not Wired  Cocaine Concealed Inside

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Outside / Inside Doors:

- Different Bolts / Loosen Hasp
- Check Handles / Rivet Secure
- Putty Inside Door / Unusual
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Floor (inside trailer):

False Compartment / 550 lbs. Cocaine
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Floor (inside trailer):

Empty Trailer / 3,000 lbs. Cocaine

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Side Walls:

Refrigerated Trailer

Both Walls / Marijuana

Seizures

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Ceiling / Roof:

False Refrigerated Trailer Ceiling / Marijuana

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Ceiling / Roof:

False Trailer Roof / Original Rivets Removed

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Inspection Documentation:

- All inspections conducted throughout the supply chain must be documented.
- Shipment representative (driver) should be present during inspection.
- Official / Driver conducting inspection should initial document.
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Affixing Seals:
- All seals must be controlled and documented.
- Drivers (employees) must be trained on how to affix and document seal changes.
- Drivers must communicate to the company every time an inspection takes place and a seal is changed.
- A high security seal must be affixed to all loaded trailers bound for the U.S. All seals must meet or exceed the current PAS ISO 17712 standards for high security seals.
- Drivers (employees) must pull down on the seal after affixing it.