

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and oversees the security of all transportation modes in, into and out from our nation. Formed after the events of 9/11, it is most often associated with aviation security, but is responsible for securing all modes of transportation.

Transportation is one of the 16 sectors of critical infrastructure (CI) and is unique in that it has potential to be target and be utilized as a vehicle, by nefarious actors.

The responsibility for securing this unique and vital asset to our economy is vested in TSA and codified by the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (Public Law 107-71 107th Congress; November 19, 2001). This requires TSA to achieve this mission with regulatory inspections and audits, as well as assessments, training, intelligence sharing and other voluntary stakeholder activities.

TSA has minimized its regulatory footprint in the surface transportation arena, but rather chooses a unique "voluntary compliance model." The responsibility for motor carrier (trucking) security is exercised by providing different free programs and training to enhance security. Programs are voluntary (non-regulatory) and allow industry stakeholders and TSA to have a partnership and a shared goal, with information analysis and intelligence sharing at its core, to help preserve the integrity of the transportation system.

Respectfully,

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