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ABSTRACT

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European Norms Committee (CEN) Work to Provide Standards for Securing the intra-EU Supply Chains and Movement of Goods

Since year 2001, multiple new supply chain and transport security regulations and standards have emerged around the world, covering many aspects of aviation and maritime transports (in Europe including: EC(2002)2320, EC(2004)725); and international /cross-border supply chains (in Europe including: Customs EC(2005)648, EC(2006)1875). However, there appears to be simultaneously lack of existence and growing industry demand (including SME-sector) for an EU internal market security standard, leading to this proposal for the European Norms Committee (CEN) Supply chain security (SCS) standard development. The objectives of the proposed CEN-SCS project are following: (i) To enhance security in the supply chain, i.e. secure interconnectivity between the various transport modes, operators and public authorities; (ii) To define the most effective and cost-effective measures in relation to the three levels of risks (normal, heightened, exceptional); (iii) To develop a method for supply chain vulnerability assessment by operators in the supply chain; (iv) To allow business the opportunity to develop tailor-made and cost beneficial security measures; and (v) To streamline different terminologies on supply chain security statuses. The planned elements of research in connection to the CEN-SCS project include following: (i) Analysis and comparison of the existing labels and standards; (ii) Analysis whether a specific rather than generic risk approach for SMEs will be necessary; (iii) Analysis whether a CEN SCS standard can reflect the nature of security threats, which may be country / mode specific rather than EU wide; (iv) Analysis of the experience obtained in various Member States while implementing the AEO; including operators who are not covered by customs legislation; and (v) Identification of different needs and methods, i.e. preparation of a toolkit. The full scale work has been planned to start during summer/fall 2008, and continue for three years.