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SAFE PORT ACT OF 2006

- Advanced supply chain security data
 - Point of stuffing – elements of entry data at 24 hour deadline
- Authorization of post 9/11 programs
 - CSI – 58 ports – 86% of U.S. imports
 - C-TPAT – 8000 members
- Overseas scanning pilot
- Consultations with trade – 14 areas



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SCANNING PILOT PROJECT

- 100% scanning pilot in 3 ports
 - Puerto Cortes, Honduras
 - Port Qasim, Pakistan
 - Southampton, UK
- Technology
 - Non-intrusive imaging
 - Radiation detection
- Expansion – Hong Kong, Busan, Salalah
- Report to Congress



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OVERSEAS SCANNING ISSUES

➤ **Technical**

- **Acquiring/installing equipment – weather conditions**
- Health and safety concerns
- Protecting data privacy

➤ **Logistical**

- Re-configuring port layouts - efficiency
- **Cost of buying, operating, maintaining equipment**
- **Cost of transferring images to U.S.**
- **Adequate staff in U.S. and in foreign port**

➤ **Operational**

- Response protocols for alarms
- Role of terminal operator/customs agency
- Facilitation benefits

➤ **Diplomatic**

- **Agreements with foreign nations**
- Licensing requirements for scanning technology



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9/11 COMMISSION ACT OF 2007

- **Scan all U.S.-bound containers by July 2012**
- **Two-year extensions beyond 2012**
 - Systems not available for purchase
 - False alarm rates too high
 - Port infrastructure limitations
 - Systems cannot be integrated with existing systems
 - **Significantly impact trade capacity and cargo flow**
 - **Inadequate automated risk notification**
- **Consistent with WCO Framework and other international agreements**



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OVERSEAS SCANNING

- **President Bush, 9/11 Act Signing, August 3, 2007**
 - We will “work with Congress to ensure the workability of the cargo-screening provisions in a way that increases our vigilance on homeland security while ensuring the continuance of vital commerce.”

- **Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff – November 15, 2007**
 - I am hopeful that the report we submit to Congress in April on our scanning results will open a constructive new dialogue on this issue.

- **Deputy Commissioner Ahern – April 2, 2008**
 - Many challenges and significant costs
 - Focus resources on more significant threats – better use of taxpayers’ dollars
 - 100% scanning does not equal 100% security
 - Worthwhile investment only in high-risk trade corridors



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