Declaration of Support from the DE LA FONTAINE Company to the CTPAT program

The *Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism* (CTPAT) is a combined and voluntary initiative between the government and businesses, which aims to build cooperative relationships in order to strengthen the global supplier chain and the borders safety. The CBP (Customs and Border Protection) require that companies guarantee the integrity of their safety practices and that they communicate their safety directives to their commercial partners within the supplier chain. CTPAT offers businesses the opportunity to play a major part in the war against terrorism and to ensure a secure supplier chain for the employees, suppliers and customers.

DE LA FONTAINE and its staff commit to take part in the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism “CTPAT” and to execute, follow and maintain procedures that complies with the CTPAT importers safety criteria. As a member of the CTPAT program, the DE LA FONTAINE policy is to:

- Cooperate with customs in their effort to ensure the supplier chain safety.
- Respect the recommended commercial and safety practices.
- Take part in the global campaign to stop terrorism.
- Provide safety directives and training to employees, subcontractors, service providers, and other DE LA FONTAINE related people.
- Provide a safe environment to our employees, customers, suppliers and other visitors.
- Investigate on any significant situation or event that could be related to a breach of cargo security or any CTPAT criteria and inform the appropriate authorities.
- Consider, review and update the safety procedures and practices on a regular basis or depending on the needs.

CTPAT has a impact on all of our business’ departments and external entities such as carriers and suppliers. Safety is everyone’s responsibility. Every employee, subcontractors, service providers, visitors and all other DE LA FONTAINE related people must comply with all CTPAT safety criteria and policies, procedures and instructions issued by DE LA FONTAINE.

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