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## Topic: Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA) Standards

The Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA) is the world's leading supply chain security and resilience Association and was formed in 1997 to tackle the multibillion dollar problem of cargo thefts from supply chains worldwide.

The UK is one of the most severely impacted countries for recorded cargo crime within the EMEA region. Between January 2020 and June 2022 5,751 theft incidents from supply chains were reported to the TAPA EMEA Intelligence System (TIS) in the UK; on average, over £100,000 of goods are stolen from supply chains in Britain each day.

Set up as a not-for-profit association by Pharmaceutical, Technology, High Value Goods Manufacturers and Insurers to respond to losses in the supply chain, TAPA devised global standards that have since become widely recognised across Europe.

### TAPA Standards

TAPA EMEA offers three industry standards to help member companies manage risk and optimise loss prevention in the region: Facility Security Requirements (FSR); Trucking Security Requirements (TSR); and Parking Security Requirements (PSR). Members can choose to be certified to one or more of these standards. In the UK FSR is currently the most prevalent with TSR and PSR both forecast to grow.

TAPA provides not only industry standards but also training, incident intelligence, route planning, secure truck parking information and loss "modus operandi" to its member companies, helping to support their own in-house supply chain security programmes.

Logistics Service Providers are increasingly being asked by customers to adopt TAPA standards and the number of UK sites at which they have been implemented is increasing. Those who have adopted the standards in the UK with FSR certified sites include major brands such as DHL, Amazon and DPD alongside a number of European transport companies and independent operators.

Certified Logistics Service Providers referencing certification to TAPA standards in customer agreements, deliver a reduced burden in supporting clients and maintain a cost-effective investment strategy in security protection. In subjecting themselves to independent audit through accredited certification bodies such as NSI, providers demonstrate achievement of a particular standard evidenced by a site-specific certificate.



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## Taking steps

Manufacturers and shippers involved in the development and adoption of TAPA standards include some of the world's leading brands such as Apple, Intel, Nike, Adidas, Dyson, Volkswagen, Johnson & Johnson, Lilly and GSK.

The specifications within each level are comprehensive with robust audit by independent certification bodies overseen by TAPA EMEA. Full details of the specifications and their respective levels can be accessed via the TAPA EMEA website, [download here](#)

These standards are relevant for Insurance Surveyors engaged in all aspects of the supply chain including Premises, Business Interruption, Stock Throughput, Marine Cargo, Transit and Fleet. Today 14 Insurers, including several of the UK's leading insurance brands, are members of TAPA EMEA.

Given the scale and value of cargo thefts, it is clear TAPA members will have a continued need to focus on the UK element of their supply chain.

More details on TAPA standards can be found on the NSI website: <https://www.nsi.org.uk/approved-companies/tapa/> and on the TAPA EMEA website: <https://tapaemea.org/standards-trainings/>.

TAPA EMEA's monthly digital magazine *Vigilant*, provides additional reading: <https://tapaemea.org/insights/vigilant-magazine/>



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