

Best Practice: Targeting Shipping Containers Suspected of Being Used For Human Smuggling



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Description: Shipping containers suspected of being used for human smuggling are targeted for additional screening measures.

Discussion: Prior to entering a facility, containers that are suspected or show signs as possibly being used for human smuggling (e.g. recent patches, soft tops, refrigeration unit modified, ect.) are targeted for additional screening. This additional screening process includes used of carbon dioxide sensors, temperature probes, and visual inspection of the interior of the shipping container.

Potential Down-side: Delays in cargo movement due to additional container screening procedures. Costs incurred purchasing the electronic sensing equipment.

Conclusion: Screening shipping containers suspected as being used for human smuggling provides an additional security layer for the facility and is an excellent deterrent to prevent such illegal activity.

Cost: The costs for carbon dioxide and temperature sensors range from \$150.00 to \$500.00 (USD) each. The prices vary on function and brand.