

Supply Chain Risk Management Check List

- Do you have a well thought out business continuity plan in the event of disruption? How frequently do you update it?
- Identify controllable and uncontrollable risks and understand the exposure to each of those and the impact they would have on your organization.
- Do your partners have back up plans in the event they are impacted by disruption? What are those plans?
- Do you have the 4 main elements of a resilient supply chain; policy, partnerships, strategy and technology?
- Do you have supplier KPIs (key performance indicators) or SLAs (service level agreements) in place to ensure expected performance?
- Which areas of your supply chain are you most exposed to and have you identified back up plans to mitigate risks?
- Do you measure internal and external risks to your supply chain?
- How frequently do you engage with your partners and review their operations?
- Do you regularly involve your risk management provider in ensuring your supply chain is properly protected?
- What tradeoffs are you willing to make with your supply chain as it relates to performance and costs.
- Conduct a deep dive “what if” analysis identifying those areas of vulnerability and the action to be taken.
- Have long term strategies in place through out the supply chain.
- Are you aware of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act adopted by President Obama which prohibits the USA to import any goods made by forced labor?

Areas to consider in your supply chain risk assessment:

- o Customer experience and expectations
- o Total transit time from origin of product to customer
- o Country of origin
- o Political risks and potential unrest
- o Commodity costs and tariffs
- o Fluctuations in currency rates
- o Socio-economic changes
- o Environmental exposure
- o Human rights initiatives and factories
- o Factory conditions
- o Technology
- o Asset utilization
- o Domestic risk avoidance such as port strikes
- o Cyber attacks on your systems