



Supplier Compliance
Audit Network

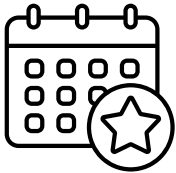
MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2026



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SCAN Risk, Compliance, & Innovation Supply Chain Conference

March 10th - Hanoi, Vietnam

March 12th - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Conference Goals:

- Strengthen supplier engagement in supply chain integrity
- Foster global and regional collaboration
- Provide education to suppliers on supply chain risk management best practices

Encourage your factories to attend!

View the agenda & register on the [SCAN website!](#)

CBP Trade Facilitation & Cargo Security Summit

April 28-30 - Dallas, Tx

SCAN is hosting two events during the summit!

All are welcome - bring a friend!

Click the links below to see event details and RSVP.

[RSVP for SCAN Social Here](#) - In person event

- Connect with the SCAN Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and members of the SCAN Program Management Team
- Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served
- **RSVP to be entered into the Social Event Raffle!**
*Must be present to claim your prize

[RSVP for Open Members Meeting Here](#) - In person AND virtual

- Catch up on what's happening with SCAN, connect with fellow members, and engage in important discussions!
- Snacks and drinks will be provided for those that attend onsite

IMPACT: January 2026

390
SCAN Audits
Conducted

697
Audits
Saved

\$1,089,790
Associated
Cost Savings

409
SCAN Audits
Reviewed

4,220
CAPAs Accepted
(84% of CAPAs
assigned)

96.2%
Average
Post-CAPA
Score

64%
of audits reviewed in January
qualified for a Year 2 Self-Audit

Executive Director's Corner

SCAN Members:

The Supplier Compliance Audit Network (SCAN) joined more than 1,500 participants from over 100 countries at the World Customs Organization (WCO) Technology and Exhibition Conference in Abu Dhabi, January 28–30. Under the theme “Customs Agility in a Complex World: Securing and Facilitating Trade through Innovation,” the event brought together global Customs authorities, international organizations, and industry leaders to explore how technology can strengthen border management and streamline trade.

Throughout the three-day conference, SCAN made a powerful impression. SCAN's booth attracted strong interest, generating meaningful discussions with roughly twenty-five Customs administrations. Delegates showed clear curiosity about SCAN's mission, facility-level inspection model, and expanding role in supply chain security.

A highlight of the event was a meeting with WCO Secretary General Ian Saunders, which underscored SCAN's alignment with WCO priorities. SCAN also connected with senior U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) representatives and delivered a well-received Tech Talk by Board Member Dan Purtell, reinforcing the Association's credibility as a trusted partner to government and industry.

SCAN's elevated visibility comes at an important time as it prepares to seek entry into the WCO's Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG) in 2027. Strong engagement from Customs administrations and international partners contributed to a notable increase in global recognition.

Extending Momentum in Dubai

Following Abu Dhabi, the delegation met with the British Standards Institution (BSI) Country Team in Dubai. The session clarified SCAN's global expansion strategy and shed light on BSI's senior-level relationships across the UAE—insights that may support SCAN's regional growth, especially as it engages energy companies and other key industries.

Positioned for Global Growth

SCAN's participation in the WCO Conference and subsequent meetings in Dubai mark a significant milestone in its international engagement efforts. The visibility, credibility, and new partnerships gained during the trip will support broader membership growth, deeper cooperation with Customs administrations, and continued advancement of global supply chain security.



Warm regards,
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ATTN: All SCAN Members

Announcements

Process Update: Country Risk Index Changes & Audit Requirements

The SCAN Executive Board has approved updates related to the new Country Threat Risk Index. As a result, audit types may shift based on the updated country risk rating at the time of a factory's annual review.

What's Changing:

- Some factories that previously qualified for a *self-audit* may now require an *onsite audit* - and vice versa - depending on the country's current risk rating.
- The Board confirmed that both directions of this change are acceptable, with no objections to allowing an onsite audit to shift to a self-audit when appropriate.
- A new note will be added to audit communications to ensure factories understand that audit requirements can change based on the country threat rating at the time of review.

These updates aim to keep SCAN's audit process aligned with the most current global risk conditions.

SCAN Leadership Update: Bruce Klein (REI) accepts position as Audit Committee Chair

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Audit Committee Chair, Bruce Klein (REI)! Bruce's role is essential to guiding the committee's vision, fostering collaboration amongst members, and ensuring continuous progress on SCAN's strategic priorities. We look forward to the insight and direction he will bring to SCAN!

Call to Action!

Audit Quality Feedback Participation

Your Insight = Stronger Oversight

The Audit Quality Feedback Program is a key tool in safeguarding the integrity of the SCAN audit process. Participation in this feedback program has decreased in recent months. SCAN encourages all members to participate in this program as it allows us the visibility we need to identify strengths, address gaps, and drive continuous improvement.

Click [here](#) for more info on the Audit Quality Feedback Program and how to participate.



New SCAN Members Alert!

Bass Pro, LLC

Master Lock

**Phoenix Retail, LLC
(dba Express)**

Welcome to the SCAN community!

Coming Soon! SCAN Fireside Chats

Facilitation for SCAN's first Fireside Chat is underway!

Our First Topic: Benchmarking CTPAT Revalidations

Meeting Objective: Provide a shared space for SCAN members to discuss recent revalidation experiences and best practices for preparation.

Be on the lookout for more info!



IN THE NEWS

Organized criminal group engages in violence following military operation in Jalisco, Mexico

On February 22, the Special Forces of the Mexican Army killed the leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), Nemesio Ruben Oseguera Cervantes, also known as “El Mencho”, during a security operation to capture the criminal leader in Tapalpa, Jalisco. In response, cartel members began launching violent acts across Mexico resulting in numerous supply chain disruptions including narcobloqueros, air transport disruptions, damaged businesses, business closures, and shelter-in-place orders. Businesses with operations in Mexico – particularly Jalisco – should continue to monitor reporting of the security situation in the region to ensure they are aware of security risks near their facilities, ground transportation routes, and other areas of operation.

For more information, click the following links: [Link1](#), [Link2](#), [Link3](#), [Link4](#), [Link5](#)

Trade union workers plan nationwide strike over workers' rights in India on February 25

India's largest central trade union plans a nationwide strike in every district on February 25 over the alleged neglect of workers' issues by the government and their recommended amendments to the four Labour Codes. The union represents over 10 million workers in diverse sectors, including coal, steel, textiles, chemicals, and more. The strike will likely disrupt ground and facility operations.

For more information, click this [link](#).

High-risk areas for cargo theft in the United States: Midwest

One of the most high-risk areas for cargo theft in the United States is the Midwest, particularly Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. Thieves employ a variety of theft tactics to steal goods in this region, primarily including strategic theft, theft from vehicle, theft from facility, and rail theft, with organized crime and the region's importance to manufacturing as an industrial hub exacerbating the risk of cargo theft. Top products stolen in this region in 2025 included Electronics (13%), Automotive (11%), Food & Beverage (11%), Other home (11%), Pharmaceuticals (8%), Footwear (6%), and Small Appliances (6%).

For more information, click the following links: [Link1](#), [Link2](#), [Link3](#)

Special Access!

Click [here](#) to view an analysis on rail theft from the BSI Intelligence team.