The chemical industry is supported by a multi-billion dollar network of diverse and highly specialized distributors. Virtually every sector of the U.S. manufacturing base, in every state, relies on chemical distributors for prompt availability and safe delivery of chemicals to make their industrial or consumer products.

This Fact Sheet summarizes actions taken and security measures followed by members of the National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD).

**Fact 1**) Distributors were the first sector of the chemical industry to mandate security measures following 9/11. Immediately following those events, NACD stepped into action and approved industry requirements in April 2002 under the association’s management system, Responsible Distribution®. In February of 2013, NACD added a specific Security Code that consolidated many prior requirements and enhanced others.

**Fact 2**) NACD security measures include actions that address physical and en route vulnerabilities; cargo security (ensuring distributors implement programs to defend against diversion or theft and to select carriers who demonstrate an ability to secure cargo); and product stewardship security (maintaining systems to qualify customers).

**Fact 3**) Security measures at each company are verified by an independent third-party verifier. NACD members are required to submit to verification every three years and successfully demonstrate implementation of security measures. Companies have been terminated for non-compliance of verification requirements.

**Fact 4**) Distributors are constantly evaluating their security procedures and have spent millions of dollars enhancing the security of their facilities and in complying with the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS). Examples include: 24-hour guard service, concrete jersey barriers around fenced facility perimeter, improved lighting, remote-access surveillance cameras, GPS tracking, limited facility access, increased audits of logistics providers, and increased employee security training.

**Fact 5**) NACD members have been recognized by Congressional leaders and top-level agency officials within the federal government for their security efforts. Comments from these officials include:

"NACD has been a strong supporter of the CFATS program. Chemical distributors are a key part of the supply chain, and it is clear that security is an important issue for NACD members and that they have an active interest in making the program as effective as possible."
– David Wulf, Director of the Infrastructure Compliance Security Division (ISCD)

"It was a pleasure to meet today with the [industry] leaders and employees to learn about their jobs and their commitment to safety through Responsible Distribution."
– U.S. Congressman Tom Latham (R-IA), April 2013

"Chemical distributors employ thousands of people in vital jobs to the United States’ economy. They are an important part of the global supply chain... [and] operate with great care and safety through the Responsible Distribution program."
– U.S. Congressman Pete Olson (R-TX), January 2013

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