

Lesson 22
Border and Transportation Security I:
Goods

Readings:

1. Stephen Flynn, [*Port Security is Still a House of Cards*](#) in *Far Eastern Economic Review*, January/February, 2006.
2. Stephen Flynn, "Security Maturity," in *America the Vulnerable: How our Government is Failing to Protect us from Terrorism*, (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2004): 59-80.
3. George W. Bush, [*National Strategy for Maritime Security*](#), (The White House: Washington, DC, Sep 2005): *Section IV: Strategic Actions*, pp. 13-23.
4. Skim: George W. Bush, [*National Strategy for Homeland Security*](#): 21-24 and 59-61.

Study Questions:

1. What is the scope of the challenge countries face in ensuring the security of goods entering and exiting their country? What specific issues or problems must countries address?
2. Describe the international cooperation required to ensure the security of goods.
3. What initiatives has the United States implemented since 9/11 to improve security of cargo? What agencies play important roles?
4. How effective or ineffective are current U.S. policies?
5. Describe the possible effects that a WMD attack using a shipping container would have on the global trading system? What economic impact would result from such an attack?
6. How does the United States implement "risk management" in the targeting and inspection of goods shipments? Is such a strategy sound? What are its weaknesses?
7. What improvements does Flynn recommend?