

SSTPA Certification - Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas



Why an EU standard for Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPA)?

The **SSTPA certificate** is recognised and backed by the EU for **truck parking areas**, which helps guarantee the proper service and safety conditions for private sector investment by parking operators and financial investors.

What Is the SSTPA Certification?

The EU standard for truck parking areas has been designed to cover **both security and service requirements**. Both elements have the potential to contribute to the modernisation of the sector in Europe and to the safety and well-being of drivers.

The security requirements have been defined to address **three main areas**:

- Physical Infrastructure, Technology, Procedures:
 - Perimeter protection and Security in the entry and exit of vehicles (barriers).
 - Video surveillance requirements for the parking area.
 - Criteria for proper site lighting.
 - Intrusion prevention/detection, e.g. turnstile for pedestrians.
 - Training of parking area personnel.
 - Monitoring of the facilities to ensure proper operation.
 - Business Continuity Plan in place.

What Does the SSTPA Certification Guarantee?



The SSTPA Certification guarantees that truck parking areas meet **strict safety and security standards**, including effective physical security measures, controlled access, and essential amenities for drivers.

What Areas Need To Be Addressed for SSTPA Certification?

The service requirements build on **a number of comfort elements for drivers**, including a focus on the needs of female drivers, addressing six main areas:

- Communication
- Food Service
- Multilingual Information
- Personal hygiene
- Safety
- Other Services

What Benefits Can Companies Receive with the SSTPA Certificate?

Here are some of the benefits of obtaining SSTPA certification:

- Certificate recognised and backed by the EU
- Certification carried out by independent bodies
- Guarantee of security and service
- Full transparency and visibility in the market
- Independent website including [certifying companies](#) and certified parking areas

Related Areas

Road freight transport sector:

- Parking operators and financial investors
- Owners and promoters of truck parking
- Public authorities responsible for truck parking areas.
- Transportation, logistics, and insurance companies.
- Truck drivers' organisations.

4 Security Levels

Security and services are audited. The common standard consists of **4 security levels**, each building on from another (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, from low to high):

Why Choose Applus+ Certification for SSTPA Certification?



[Applus+ Certification](#) is an esteemed independent entity that helps organisations meet their commitment to ongoing improvement. We are accredited by the European Commission as **Certification Entity to certify SSTPAs**.

Applus+ Certification is a **worldwide leader** in the testing, inspection and certification (TIC) sector. We are a trusted partner, enhancing the quality and safety of our clients' assets and infrastructures while safeguarding their operations and improving their environmental performance. Our **innovative approach, technical capabilities** and **highly skilled and motivated workforce** of over 26,000 employees assure operational excellence across multiple sectors in **over 70 countries**.

We are accredited by the **main control bodies** in the countries where we operate, certifying our performance and independence. Our business strategy is aligned with major global trends in **energy transition, electrification, and connectivity**. Driven by our passion for progress and technological development, we are moving together with our clients towards a more sustainable future by deploying our motto, Together beyond standards.