

# 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.