

Pre-Application Consultation

The initial step in applying for the liability protections available under the SAFETY Act or for requesting a Pre-application Consultation is to register with the Office of SAFETY Act Implementation (OSAI). You can register for an account to begin your application process through our SAFETY Act Portal.

A Pre-application Consultation is a voluntary means through which OSAI provides helpful guidance to potential applicants without requiring the completion and submission of a full SAFETY Act Application. The Pre-application Consultation is intended as an information exchange where the potential applicant can provide DHS with initial insight regarding their technology and DHS can provide guidance regarding the submission of an application for SAFETY Act Designation. The Pre-application Consultation is also intended to facilitate discussions regarding the SAFETY Act Application process.

Following the Pre-application Consultation, a potential applicant may wish to submit send a pre-application for review. Neither the Pre-application Consultation or the pre-application are prerequisites for submitting a full application for SAFETY Act Designation. However, by completing the Pre-application process before applying for full SAFETY Act protections, a potential applicant will receive feedback from DHS that may be helpful or even essential to their application for Designation and/or Certification.

Once an applicant has submitted a Pre-application, DHS officials will review it. If DHS officials decide they need more information, they will send a request for information (RFI). The applicant will be expected to respond to this RFI with the appropriate information. After reviewing the Pre-application, DHS officials will send a Pre-application recommendation indicating whether the technology's chances of becoming a Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology are promising, uncertain, doubtful, or rejected. Such feedback can help determine whether a potential applicant wishes to move forward and submit a full SAFETY Act application.

Registering with OSAI does not commit you to any further actions. The purpose of registration is to establish an official point of contact for the DHS to use in its interactions with you concerning your technology and to create a unique identification number for you as a potential seller.