

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Cargo Theft Indicator

What is the definition of Cargo Theft?

When cargo is “moving in commerce” at all points in the supply chain between the point of origin and the final destination regardless of any temporary stop. This would not include merchandise being delivered after purchase by a customer.



Which offenses require the Cargo Theft indicator?

The following offenses must have the Cargo Theft indicator answered:

All Other Larceny	Extortion/Blackmail	Motor Vehicle Theft
Bribery	False Pretenses/Swindle/Con	Robbery
Burglary	Hacking/Computer Invasion*	Theft from Building
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	Impersonation	Theft from Motor Vehicle
Embezzlement	Identity Theft*	Wire Fraud

*Effective January 1, 2019

When was the Cargo Theft indicator implemented?

The FBI implemented the Cargo Theft indicator (Data Element 2A), on January 1, 2010; the new NIBRS repository requires the data element be answered.