



AN INDEPENDENT INDUSTRY STANDARD

CTCA RP-1

Repack & Surprise Product Standards

A voluntary, platform-neutral standard for how trading card repacks and professionally sealed surprise products are created, documented, randomized, sealed, and represented.

THE OBJECTIVE

One credible, independently auditable standard — establishing a baseline of trust across the entire trading card industry.

Built for manufacturers, sellers, marketplaces, retailers, and collectors who need a consistent framework for repacks and surprise products as the category grows.



Certified organizations appear in the public CTCA RP-1 registry — independently verifiable.

What RP-1 covers

Manufacturer Accountability Clear identification of who manufactures the product, plus disclosure of relevant affiliates and third parties.	Manufacturer & Seller Controls Safeguards against sellers, breakers, or employees misusing non-public information about contents.
Public Product Checklists Finalized, transparent product-level information on the full population of possible contents.	Sourcing & Chain of Custody Documented, traceable inventory from acquisition through packaging and distribution.
Randomization & Allocation Integrity Controls against product mapping, known-hit allocation, preferential distribution, and manipulation.	Tamper-Evident Packaging Security controls that provide evidence of any unauthorized opening or alteration.
Redemption Controls Processes supporting the existence, tracking, and fulfillment of redemption obligations.	Complaints & Incident Reporting Formal procedures to identify, investigate, escalate, and resolve material issues.
Record Retention Retention of production, sourcing, randomization, distribution, and compliance records.	Independent Auditing Verification by a qualified independent auditor — CTCA makes the final certification decision.

The certification path



An independent auditor evaluates conformity. **CTCA makes the certification decision.** The public registry lets the industry verify it. Certification is valid for 12 months, subject to surveillance, incident reporting, and renewal.

Why participate

- Demonstrate trust**
Show collectors and partners that key operational controls have been independently evaluated.
- Prepare for the marketplace**
Build a compliance framework designed to complement evolving marketplace requirements.
- Differentiate responsible operators**
Separate documented, audited operations from unsupported claims of transparency.
- Reduce fragmentation**
Support a common baseline that can eventually be recognized across channels and marketplaces.
- Help shape the standard**
Feedback from early participants keeps RP-1 rigorous, auditable, scalable, and realistic for the industry.

What it is — and isn't

RP-1 IS
An independent conformity standard. Certification shows an organization established and maintained defined controls, evaluated through the RP-1 process and an independent audit.

RP-1 IS NOT
An endorsement of products. It doesn't guarantee card values, contents, financial returns, or marketplace approval, and doesn't replace legal, regulatory, or marketplace obligations.

INTEGRITY COMMITMENT
CTCA membership, sponsorship, partnership, financial support, or participation in developing RP-1 will neither guarantee nor influence certification.

Who should participate

- Trading Card Repacks
- Graded Card Repacks
- Mystery & Surprise Products
- Chase Products
- Professionally Sealed Collectible Products

CTCA is working initially with a limited group of organizations spanning different company sizes, production volumes, product structures, and distribution models. Participation does not guarantee certification — the process validates the standard, audit methodology, and evidence requirements before broader rollout.

Participate in CTCA RP-1

We're now identifying organizations interested in the CTCA RP-1 standards-development process. Help demonstrate what responsible repack manufacturing looks like.

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