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AIR CARGO SECURITY PROGRAM

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The Air Cargo Security Program Mandate

Transport Canada has worked with industry to develop an Air Cargo Security Program that:

- Meets the highest aviation security standards;
- Reduces risks to the safety and security of the traveling public; and
- Keeps goods moving in and out of Canada efficiently.

This will help our economy and position Canada as a strong partner in global efforts against terrorism.

The Air Cargo Security Secure Supply Chain

A Secure Supply Chain is a practical approach for moving air cargo. It keeps air cargo secure and free from tampering while being handled at different stages of its journey – from as early as when and how it is packed up until it is loaded on an aircraft. If a business is involved in packing, storing, transporting, and / or screening air cargo, it can apply to participate in Transport Canada's Air Cargo Security Program.

Transport Canada's Air Cargo Security Program works to **ensure supply chain security** while reducing cargo screening bottlenecks at airports. We:

- Allow our authorized participants to screen cargo (to make it secure) at a number of points within the Secure Supply Chain; and
- Ensure, through regulatory requirements, that once air cargo is screened and made secure, it remains secure and free from tampering and unauthorized access while moving through the Secure Supply Chain.

This approach is based on three key principles:

1. **Participants in the Air Cargo Security Program are trusted.** Applicants must go through a comprehensive application process, have been thoroughly vetted by Transport Canada, and are subject to ongoing inspection and enforcement activities.
2. **Cargo must be screened by authorized participants using Transport Canada-prescribed methods to enter the Secure Supply Chain.**
3. **Participants ensure cargo maintains its secure status** through verifiable chain-of-custody procedures.

Regulatory Changes

As part of the ongoing enhancement and implementation of the Air Cargo Security Program, Transport Canada has amended the *Canadian Aviation Security Regulations, 2012* to expand the air cargo Secure Supply Chain. In fall 2016, Canada's air cargo industry will have more options to determine where within the supply chain authorized participants can screen cargo **to make it secure** for air transport on flights carrying both passengers and cargo. These changes will allow:

- Shippers / originators of cargo to screen their own cargo by way of packing to make it secure, avoiding potential security delays and additional screening fees for air cargo; and
- Other cargo operators, such as ground transportation companies and warehousing facilities, to accept, store and / or transport cargo that authorized participants have screened and made secure.

In fall 2015, members of the air cargo industry will be able to apply to participate in the Air Cargo Security Program under new participant categories. Participation is voluntary for supply chain members, who should base their decision on the nature of their cargo operations and their business needs.

Note: Transport Canada will regulate all authorized participant operations.

What does this mean for shippers of air cargo?

In fall 2015, Canadian shippers will be able to apply to participate in the Air Cargo Security Program under one of two proposed new participant categories – **Known Consignor** or **Account Consignor**.

A **Known Consignor** originates cargo and screens that cargo itself by way of packing, to make it secure.

For example, a shipper with high value, unique and / or perishable air cargo (e.g., jewelry, pharmaceuticals, or fish and seafood) might apply to become a Known Consignor:

- for quality control of their product;
- to reduce potential security delays; and / or
- to reduce additional screening fees.

An **Account Consignor** originates cargo and has an authorized participant screen it to make it secure.

For example, a shipper might apply to become an Account Consignor because:

- it is more cost effective for their business than building screening capacity within their own organization; and / or
- there is low risk of damage to their cargo by having a third party screen it due to the nature of their product (e.g., print material, wearing apparel).

**If shipping to the United States, the shipper must either be a Known Consignor or Account Consignor.*

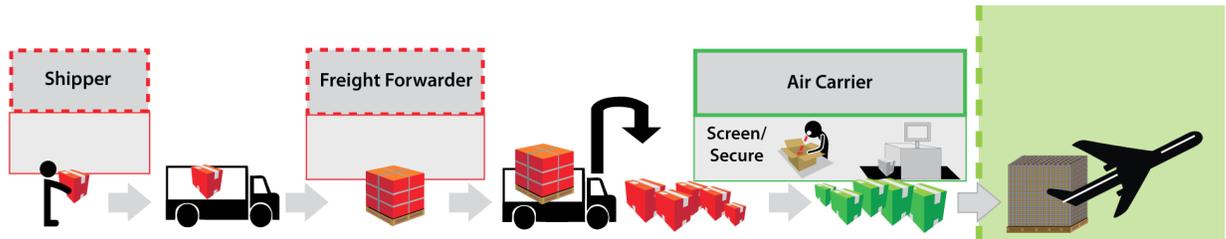
**Non-participant shippers would face limits on where and how their cargo could be transported by air. These details would be confidential.*



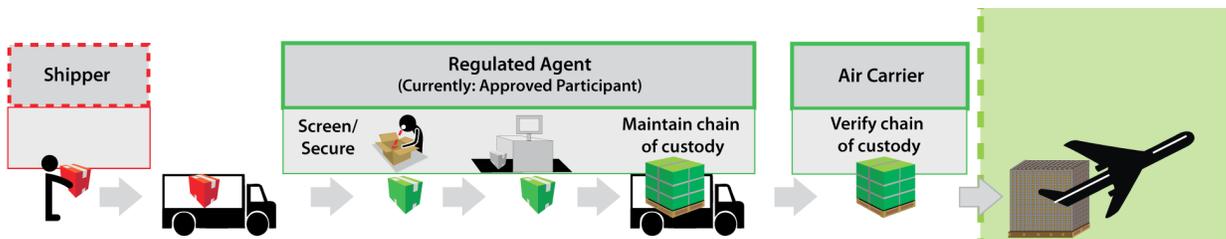
The Shipper's Role in the Air Cargo Secure Supply Chain

The scenarios below illustrate changes to air cargo supply chain security coming into force in fall 2016.

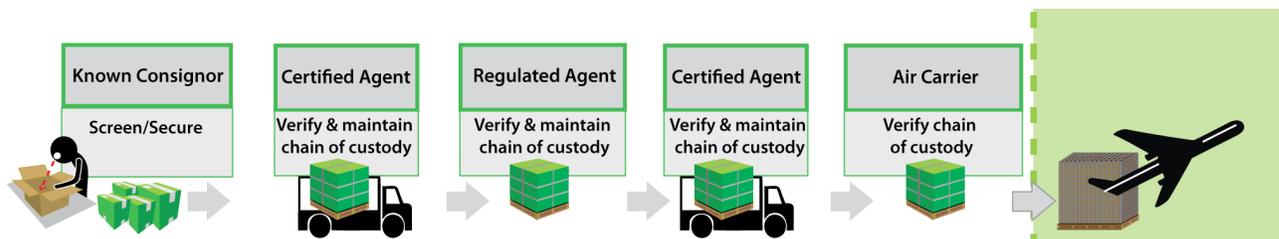
- (1) Currently and continuing in fall 2016, screening must be conducted by the air carrier when received from outside the Secure Supply Chain.



- (2) Currently and continuing in fall 2016, screening can be conducted by a Regulated Agent (currently an Approved Participant) when cargo is received from outside the Secure Supply Chain. Once screened, the cargo can continue as secure to the air carrier.



- (3) Coming into force on October 17, 2016, Known Consignors, as originators of cargo, will also be able to screen cargo by way of packing. The air carrier can treat this cargo as secure.



Existing Registered Shippers

The Program will transition existing Registered Shippers to Account Consignor status under the amended regulations which will come into force in fall 2016.

Existing Registered Shippers wishing to reduce potential security delays and/or reduce additional screening fees should apply to the Air Cargo Security Program as Known Consignors in fall 2015.

Important Notice to shippers of air cargo destined for the United States:

- Only air cargo from an Account Consignor or Known Consignor will be accepted for air transport to the United States.
- Additional screening may also be required.

HOW DO SHIPPERS APPLY?

Transport Canada encourages shippers wishing to participate in the Air Cargo Security Program to contact our Air Cargo Security Support Centre in fall 2015 to start the application process.

Contact the Air Cargo Security Support Centre toll-free at **1-866-375-7342** or by email at aircargo-fretaerien@tc.gc.ca.

