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Air Cargo

**Securing air cargo
coming from non-EU
countries**

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EU air cargo principles

All air cargo and mail must either

- be screened, or
- come from a secure supply chain
(regulated agent, known consignor, account consignor)

before being loaded onto an aircraft that leaves or enters the EU, irrespective of what kind of aircraft (passenger or all-cargo/all-mail)

EU inbound cargo regulations (1)

1 February 2012- All air carriers carrying cargo or mail from a non-EU country to the EU:

- Must be registered (designated) as an 'Air Cargo or Mail Carrier operating into the Union from a Third Country Airport' (ACC3) by an EU Member State
 - based on a valid security programme
- Are responsible for ensuring that all cargo or mail is screened or comes from a secure supply chain before entering EU airspace
 - applies to both passenger and all-cargo/mail carriers

EU inbound cargo regulations (2)

1 July 2014 - *New requirements:*

- (Re)designation of air carriers as ACC3 is based on EU aviation security validation
- Designation of cargo handling entities outside the EU as regulated agents or known consignors, based on EU aviation security validation
- Application of EU screening standards

(Re)designation of air carriers

Designation of air carriers as ACC3 is based on EU aviation security validation

- Examination of the air carrier's security programme
- On-site verification of implementation of aviation security measures

performed by an EU aviation security validator

On-site validations of air carriers

On-site validations will take place

- Either at each airport from which the air carrier flies cargo or mail to the EU, or
- At a representative number of airports from which the air carrier flies cargo or mail to the EU

Conditions apply

before an air carrier is designated as ACC3

Designation of cargo handling entities outside the EU

Designation of entities as EU aviation security validated regulated agent / known consignor is based on EU aviation security validation

- Examination of the entity's security programme
- On-site verification of implementation of aviation security measures

performed by an EU aviation security validator

On-site validations of cargo handling entities

On-site validations will take place

- As part of the air carrier validation, or
- On the cargo handling entity's initiative

before a cargo handling entity can be designated as an EU aviation security validated regulated agent or known consignor