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Checklist is the instrument to be used by EU security validator for assessing the level of security applied to EU / EEA bound air cargo and air mail by the entity seeking designation as RA3

Checklist comprises of 10 parts related to the following subjects
1. Identity of the entity validated and the Validator
2. Organization and Responsibility
3. Staff recruitment and Training
4. Acceptance Procedures
5. Screening
6. Handling of high risk cargo and mail
7. Protection of secured air cargo and mail
8. Transportation
9. Compliance = Conclusion by Validator
5. EU ACAS

TARGET REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PRECISE PROJECT GROUP HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 9 JULY 2013
‘PRECISE’ is the name of a study on the application of the so-called ‘ACAS model’ in the ‘conventional’ air cargo environment (the airline/freight forwarder business model.

The study is done at national level and organized by the national/local customs administrations of Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Germany, Italy, France, Sweden and the UK, in cooperation with airline and forwarder volunteers. The work is still in a relatively early stage.
The so-called ‘raw data-elements’ should be those agreed in the context of ACAS (7 + 1 should be sufficient). There was strong support to aligning the EU approach with the US and Canadian approach. The ‘+1’ data-element is the HAWB number, i.e. the HAWB number must be provided as a common identifier.

The representatives of the industry – both forwarders and airlines - strongly advocated for a central access point / portal, like in the US or Canada: one single message to one single point
U.S. CBP officials said recently they have begun writing & hope to publish by the end of this year a proposed rule to turn the ACAS pilot into a mandatory program.

The ACAS pilot is currently scheduled to run through Oct. 25. 13 participants are currently operational, including 4 express carriers, 5 passenger carriers and 4 freight forwarders. ACAS participants have transmitted more than 76 million shipments to CBP since December 2010 but ACAS review rates have stayed consistent at 1.23%. Officials say no “Do Not Load” messages have yet been issued.