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