

A Sound Approach to Air Cargo Screening

Reducing the Potential Impacts of TSA's
Air Cargo Screening Regulations on
the Air Cargo Industry

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Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007

TSA to conduct passenger screening for domestic- originating flights

- \$2.50 Security Surcharge added to each ticket
- Fund established at DHS
- Screeners and equipment are federal expenses

TSA to establish air cargo screening program “commensurate with” passenger baggage screening program

- 50% of all cargo screened by February 2009
- 100% of all cargo screened by August 2010

Bush Administration Response

- Strongly objected to 100% screening mandate
- OMB – No funding available from General Revenues
- TSA – Will not undertake air cargo screening
 - Will force private sector to conduct screening
 - Airlines, direct shippers and freight forwarders (IACS)

Bush Administration Response

Certified Cargo Screener Program (CCSP)

All airlines, shippers and freight forwarders invited to sign up for program

CCSP Participants required to

- Own or rent warehouse space
- Purchase screening equipment
- Hire staff directed to screening
- Train staff for screening

Pilot Project

- 14 companies
- TSA purchases equipment

Bush Administration Response

Narrow-Body Rule

- Effective October 1, 2008
- All Cargo loaded onto narrow-body planes must be screened
- Rule is focused on airlines

Bush Administration Response

Deadline Compliance

50% Deadline – February 2009

- Airline compliance with Narrow-Body Rule
- Certification of CCSFs
- TSA screening at small airports

100% Deadline – August 2010

- Airline Screening
- CCSP Participant Screening

Bush Administration Response

Impacts

- Airlines have started to pull back from non-hub airports
- Airlines have started to charge for screening
- Real impacts for Freight Forwarders will be felt when 100% screening deadline hits in August 2010

Air Cargo Security Alliance

Formed in August 2008

225 members nationwide

- Small and mid-size freight forwarders
- Airports Authorities
- Pilots
- Direct Shippers
- Companies that rely on freight forwarders
- Airlines

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Mission and Goals

Mission

- Ensure a level playing field for all participants in the air cargo industry

Goals

- Ensure that CCSP program works for companies that want to participate
- Create a new federal screening program at all American Airports that will allow non-CCSP participants to continue to provide services for their clients

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Federal Screening Program Proposal

Require TSA to establish and operate an air cargo screening program at all American Airports

- Modeled on TSA's passenger screening program
- Screening to take place at airports (to maximum extent possible)
- TSA authorized to contract with NGOs (including airlines) to conduct screening
- Would be funded by security surcharge - \$0.05 per pound maximum
- Specifically set up to work in conjunction with CCSP program

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Federal Screening Program Proposal

- Would allow non-CCSP participants to continue to drop cargo at the airport
- Would allow non-CCSP participants to ship cargo on any airline
- Would allow companies to choose whether they want to participate in CCSP or not
- Would effectively set a ceiling on screening charges

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Industry Outreach

Have reached out to all major stakeholders in the air cargo industry

- Freight forwarding associations
- Expeditors
- Direct Shippers
- Airlines
- Pilots Associations
- Airports Authorities
- Customs Brokers
- Regional air cargo associations

Air Cargo Screening and the Air Cargo Industry

- Forcing all freight forwarders to participate in CCSP in order to serve their customers will hammer the air cargo industry
- CCSP will work well as a compliment to a federal screening program – but not as a replacement for one

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Next Steps – Help create a federal air cargo screening program and preserve a level playing field for the air cargo industry

- Join the Air Cargo Security Alliance
- Encourage other associations that you are members of to support adding federal screening as another tool in the cargo screening toolbox
- Write your Congressman and Senators
- Write the Obama Administration

For More Information

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