

Info for members: “KNOWN CONSIGNOR SECURITY DECLARATION”

Recently, some of our members raised some concern with regard to the “KNOWN CONSIGNOR SECURITY DECLARATION” they were asked to sign by the courier company they are used to collaborate with.

Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, the EU established a common aviation security regime [Regulation (EC) No. 2320/2002, repealed by Regulation (EC) No. 300/2008]. This was designed to improve the security arrangements for cargo to be carried by air. Every passenger, every piece of luggage and cargo departing from an EU airport or coming from a third country and transferring through an EU airport must be screened or otherwise controlled in order to ensure that no prohibited article (arms, knives, solid or liquid explosives, etc.) is brought into security restricted areas of airports and/or on board aircraft.

Cargo must be searched by hand or physical check, screened by X-ray equipment, subjected to simulation (depressurization) chamber, or subjected to other means, both technical and biosensory. However, these security controls do not apply to a “known consignor” referred to as a “known shipper”, and the cargo will be processed without delay! A "known consignor" will be considered as safe and secure, when fulfilling the requirements laid down in article 4 of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 300/2008 and in conformity with the Council Regulation (EC) No. 185/2010.

The candidate known consignor is from April 29 no longer recognized by the regulated agent (or authorized air freight agent). Its application will be verified by **Federal Directorate General Aviation** - Inspection of aviation security. Failing to have a signed “Known Consignor Security Declaration”, the cargo will be considered as originating from an "unknown consignor" and therefor subjected to screening.

Before signing the “Known Consignor Security Declaration”, make sure the courier company provides you with a signed declaration on the “Implementation of security measures to cargo to be carried on board aircraft”. This ensures that the security of materials leaving your facility is guaranteed by the courier company.

Reference:

- (1) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2002:355:0001:0021:EN:PDF>;
- (2) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:097:0072:0084:EN:PDF>
- (3) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:091:0007:0013:NL:PDF>
- (4) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:055:0001:0055:NL:PDF>

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