



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Are you ready for 1 July? US-bound air cargo screening requirements are changing

Dear Exporter,

We are writing with important information that is critical to securing the future of your US export business.

You will be unable to export to the US by air after 1 July unless you comply with new US air cargo screening requirements.

These requirements have been imposed on airlines by the US Government. The Australian Government is working with Australian businesses to help them comply with these US requirements, ensure readiness for the change and reduce red tape while enabling a smooth transition.

You must act now to get ready for the change. This deadline is non-negotiable.

You have two options for meeting the new US requirements:

- Using an Australian Government-approved freight agent who can examine your US-bound air cargo (a list of Regulated Air Cargo Agents is available [here](#)); or
- Being approved as a Known Consignor, so you can secure air cargo originating from your business to minimise potential delays and costs. If you wish to become a Known Consignor it is important that you start the process now so you are ready for the change. Click [here](#) to begin the process of being approved as a Known Consignor.

If you are not a Known Consignor, talk to your freight forwarder about how they will examine or arrange for your cargo to be examined at piece level.

More information including responses to Frequently Asked Questions can be found on and via the Department's website at <https://infrastructure.gov.au/security/air-cargo/us-bound-air-cargo-security-arrangements.aspx>

For more information, contact aircargosecurity@infrastructure.gov.au or ring the Office of Transport Security Guidance Centre on 1300 791 581 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays.

You can also subscribe to Air Cargo Security updates [here](#)

We look forward to updating you further on these changes over coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely

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