

# KNOWN CONSIGNOR GUIDANCE FOR AIR CARGO SECURITY



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## KNOWN CONSIGNOR INFORMATION FOR AIRFREIGHT CARGO

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It is important to note that regulations and procedures related to air cargo screening can evolve over time to address emerging security threats and international standards. For the most current and detailed information on UK air cargo screening regulations, it is recommended to consult official sources such as the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) or relevant government agencies responsible for aviation security.

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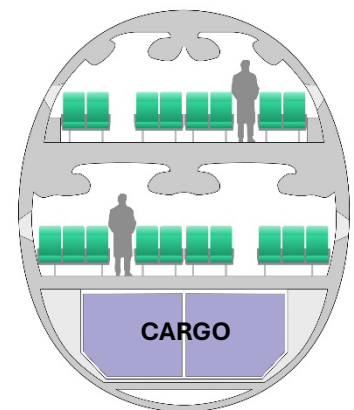
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### Introduction

Air cargo transportation plays a vital role in global trade and commerce, facilitating the movement of goods across borders efficiently. However, with this critical function comes inherent security risks, as cargo shipments may potentially contain hazardous materials, contraband, or even explosives. Ensuring the safety and security of air cargo is paramount to safeguarding aviation and protecting lives.

Over 80% of cargo is carried on passenger planes, traveling under passengers feet. The other 20% is transported on Cargo Aircrafts.

All Air cargo leaving UK is subject to security checks; it must be cleared and made secure before loaded on to an aircraft.



### What is Freight Inspection/Screening

Air freight inspection and screening are crucial steps in ensuring the safety of your shipments. These procedures are designed to ensure that packages are suitable for air transport, while checking that they do not contain any prohibited items. Authorized methods include the use of X-ray controllers and dog handlers. These checks are therefore carried out by authorized forwarding agents or handling agents.

The only exception to screening is if it's been collected from a **known consignor** / SPX cargo

SPX = Secure for Passenger Aircraft

SHR = Secure for Passenger Aircraft (High Risk Cargo)

## **KNOWN CONSIGNOR INFORMATION FOR AIRFREIGHT CARGO**

### **What is a Known Consignor**

Known Consignors are shippers that meet specific security criteria and are authorized to prepare and secure air cargo without further security controls at the airport. This status is granted by the CAA.

A Known Consignor = A company that has been approved by a National Aviation Authority to send goods by airfreight without having to undergo additional security checks.

### **Known Consignor Scheme**

Under the Aviation Transport Security Act 2004 and Aviation transport Security Regulations 2005, all Export and specified domestic air cargo must be cleared of explosives prior to uplift onto an aircraft.

All cargo can be either cleared by examination from a Regulated Air Cargo Agent (RACA) or if the cargo is originated by a Known Consignor (KC) and remains in the supply chain it can receive clearance.

### **Becoming a Known Consignor**

If your company makes, manufactures, or produces goods that you lodge as air cargo, or you select goods in your possession to be transported as air cargo, you may be eligible to become a Known Consignor (KC).

To become a Known Consignor your business must meet high security standards that ensures explosives cannot be inserted into any cargo, either within your own site or within the air cargo supply chain.

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### Should I apply to become a Known Consignor

Being recognised as a Known Consignor has several advantages

BENEFIT	DESCRIPTION
FASTER SHIPPING	As a known consignor your goods would not be subject to additional security checks, these checks can significantly slow down the shipping process.
COST SAVING	Additional Security checks can be expensive; by eliminating or reducing these it can lead to cost savings.
FLEXIBILITY	By eliminating the needs for security checks and the schedules around these, Known consignors have more flexibility in how and when they ship.
INCREASED TRUST/REPUTATION	Showing your customers and business partners that you are a known Consignor can increase trust as it shows that you have met high security standards and demonstrates commitment to security,
IMPROVED BUSINESS RELATIONS	Generally Airlines, Shipping Lines and Logistics Companies prefer to work with Known Consignors due to the reduced risk
REDUCE RISK OF NON COMPLIANCE FINES	Any business handling dangerous or hazardous goods must adhere to strict regulations, failure to do so could result in fines and penalties. Becoming a Known Consignor can showcase your commitment to safety and security
COMPETITOR ADVANTAGE	Making your shipping process faster and more efficient by being a Known Consignor can provide a competitive advantage over competitors who do not have this status.

Becoming a Known Consignor is not always the most viable option for your business, it would depend on the volume, value, type and frequency of your Air Cargo and sometimes the best option would be to pay RACA to examine your cargo.

There is no joining fee for joining the Known Consignor scheme, however there are associated costs that could be incurred to achieve status

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### Questions to help determine

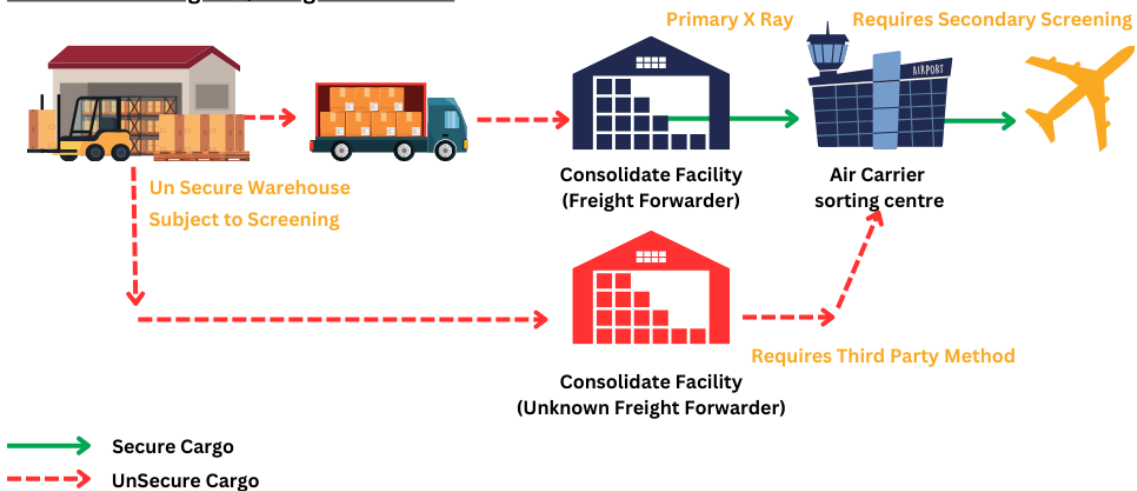
1. How much cargo do you send by airfreight?
2. How regularly do you send cargo by air?
3. What is the value of products?
4. Is the delivery time sensitive?
5. Do the products require special treatment?
6. What security measures and procedures do you currently have in place at place of storing loading cargo?
7. Do you have plans to expand the business, and how may this impact future cost of using a RACA?
8. Have you made enquiries with a RACA on how much it would cost to examine cargo?
9. Are you aware or asked a RACA whether the type of cargo is suitable for examination?

### Example of the Flow of Air Cargo

#### Known Consignor / Freight Forwarder



#### UN-Known Consignor / Freight Forwarder



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### How to apply to become a Known Consignor

The Known Consignor scheme is voluntary, with no legal requirement for any air cargo to be dispatched as SPX (Secure) Cargo. Any cargo can be shipped however if it is 'Unknown/Insecure' cargo it will be subject to additional security measures before it is allowed to be placed on an aircraft.

To be able to ship as SPX (Secure) Cargo you will need to apply

[Details of Known Consignor Status](#)

Online Application Form



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### Further Reading

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/aviation-security-for-cargo>

<https://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/security/compliance/known-consignor-scheme/>



## **KNOWN CONSIGNOR INFORMATION FOR AIRFREIGHT CARGO**

### **Additional Information**

The UK has specific regulations governing the screening of air cargo for security purposes. These regulations are designed to enhance security measures and reduce the risk of illicit items being transported through air cargo.

Some key points regarding UK air cargo screening regulations:

#### **National Aviation Security Program (NASP)**

The UK follows the NASP, which outlines security measures for aviation, including air cargo screening procedures

#### **Regulated Agents (RAs)**

In the UK, Ras play a crucial role in air cargo security. RAs are entities involved in the air cargo supply chain that have been certified and approved by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to undertake security controls on cargo. This includes screening cargo for prohibited items before it is loaded onto aircraft.

#### **Cargo Security Screening**

Air cargo undergoes various security screening processes to ensure that it does not contain prohibited items, such as explosives, weapons, or other dangerous goods. Screening methods may include X-ray scanning, explosive detection systems (EDS), physical inspections, and the use of trained sniffer dogs

#### **Known Consignor**

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#### **Cargo Screening Facilities**

Airports in the UK are equipped with dedicated cargo screening facilities to conduct security checks on shipments. These facilities are responsible for implementing stringent security measures in accordance with international standards

#### **International Standards**

The UK's air cargo screening regulations align with international standards set by organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC)

#### **Documentation and Reporting**

Proper documentation and reporting of air cargo screening activities are essential to ensure compliance with regulations. This includes maintaining records of screening results and any security incidents.

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### Glossary

ASICs	Aviation Security Identification Card
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
ECAC	European Civil Aviation Conference
EDS	Explosive detection systems
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
KC	Known Consignor
NASP	National Aviation Security Program
RA	Regulated Agent
RACA	Regulated Air Cargo Agent
SHR	Secure for Passenger Aircraft (High Risk Cargo)
SPX	Secure for Passenger Aircraft

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