

Client Advisory

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ICAO Air Cargo 100% Screening Requirement Effective June 30, 2021

Dear Valued Customer,

Beginning later this month, new global air cargo security regulations will go into effect that will impact C.H. Robinson customers and air freight operations.

In March 2013, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations which sets Standards and regulations necessary for aviation security and safety, revised the global air cargo security standards removing the distinction between cargo transported on passenger aircraft and cargo transported on all-cargo aircraft.

In September 2016, ICAO notified its 191 Member states of which the United States is one of the 36 Council Members, that they should phase out elements of air cargo security frameworks that are inconsistent with those revised ICAO standards no later than June 30, 2021.

Regarding all international air cargo departing the United States, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) must ensure either one of the following:

- (1) Screen air cargo to a level intended to identify and/or detect the presence of concealed explosive devices which may be used to commit an act of unlawful interference before being transported in an aircraft.
- (2) Ensure air cargo is subject to appropriate security controls throughout the cargo supply chain to prevent the introduction of concealed explosive devices.

Under 49 U.S.C. 114(f)(10), TSA is also required to ensure the adequacy of security measures for the transportation of cargo. U.S. law already requires 100 percent of cargo loaded aboard commercial passenger aircraft to be screened. TSA developed the Certified Cargo Screening Program (CCSP) along with approved screening technologies to provide additional means of compliance with the requirements for cargo transported on passenger aircraft.

The TSA is updating the security programs involved in all-cargo operations to meet the ICAO cargo screening requirements.

C.H. Robinson, a TSA regulated entity carrying out a TSA-approved security program, has been a Certified Cargo Screening Facility since 2012, already adhering to strict chain of custody requirements. C.H. Robinson understands that these regulatory changes will increase current volume in air cargo to be screened.

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C.H. Robinson has been an active participant of industry outreaches provided by TSA. This has allowed us to take steps to streamline processes and add screening resources to mitigate foreseeable delays. We appreciate your patience as we move into this new environment of 100% air cargo screening.

C.H. Robinson remains steadfast in our commitment to meet and exceed air cargo industry security standards, in addition to our customer expectations. If there are any significant developments related to these new ICAO security standards, C.H. Robinson will revise our guidance in a similar advisory.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson air cargo representative for further information.

Sincerely, C.H. Robinson

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