



## EXPORT AIR CARGO SECURITY

Customs is a primary border protection agency contributing significantly to the Federal Government's counter-terrorism strategies. One of Customs responsibilities in this area is to implement a series of security measures—in partnership with industry and other government agencies—for export air cargo.

The security measures are designed to significantly enhance the security over air cargo carried on regular passenger transport aircraft, thereby increasing the safety of the traveling public and the airline industry more generally.

To address the risks posed by the transport of air cargo, Customs is working in conjunction with Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) and the air cargo industry to implement the following security measures:

- earlier reporting to Customs by Cargo Terminal Operators of the details of export air cargo to enable more effective risk assessment by Customs
- increased cargo inspection capabilities through the deployment of mobile x-ray vans and explosives detector-dog teams
- development and roll-out of security awareness programs for industry and Customs staff
- strengthening the *Customs Act 1901* provisions in relation to the Depot and Warehouse licensing regime and tightening Customs controls over exports more generally
- partnering with the express courier industry to trial the feasibility of Customs receiving advanced air cargo information.

DOTARS and Customs will continually consult with industry to tighten security surrounding air cargo while at the same time facilitating the movement of export cargo.

### WHO WILL BE AFFECTED?

The measures will primarily affect those involved in the handling of air cargo, in particular Cargo Terminal Operators, Customs depot and warehouse licence-holders and Regulated Air Cargo Agents. The measures may also impact on other parties involved in the air cargo industry such as exporters and freight forwarders.

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