



New Air Freight Security Measures: What Does This Mean to You?

Additional Security Requirements

In response to the discovery of suspected explosive devices aboard cargo flights, the US Department of Homeland Security has enacted the following additional security measures:

- ◆ Effective November 8, there is a minimum 30-day full ban on all US-bound cargo designated as “elevated risk” which, according to the International Association of Movers (IAM) includes:
 - Shipments described as “personal effects” or “household goods” either in the master air waybill, or in the house waybill, or in the manifest, or where the commodity information is determined to be missing or inaccurate.
 - Shipments paid for by cash or personal check or shipped Cash on Delivery.
 - Shipments from a shipper not having an established business relationship for less than 30 calendar days, and not having an established shipping address, and not having an established billing address.
 - Shipments from an International Air Transport Association (IATA) registered agent not having an established business relationship for less than 30 calendar days, and not having an established shipping address, and not having an established billing address.
 - Cargo accepted from a foreign air carrier’s direct employees or authorized representatives.
 - All shipments to the U.S. destination must also be accompanied by a written acceptance statement issued by the Issuing Agent on a separate document (this part of the requirement applies to shipments delivered as of November 15, 2010).

- ◆ A full ban is in effect for all cargo originating in Yemen and Somalia.
- ◆ A full ban is in effect for all high capacity toner and ink cartridges over 16 ounces.

How this affects you?

The ban, initially in effect for a 30 day minimum, has the potential to extend beyond 30 days. It would appear that this ban applies mainly to Passenger Airlines, creating a demand for Air Freighters to bring in Household Goods Shipments, resulting in premium pricing.

These new measures will undoubtedly result in substantial delays in shipping times, reduced cargo capacity as well as possible increases in fees. Paragon will continue to monitor the security requirements and will work with transportation providers to advise each client of any shipment delays. Please contact your account manager if you have any questions.

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