



AIR CARGO SECURITY

We are pleased to announce that we have been accredited as a Regulated Forwarder following the introduction of section 108 cargo security regulations by the Department of Civil Aviation. These new security measures were introduced in South Africa on 1st July 2009 to regulate agents and other air cargo handlers who are involved in the shipment of goods by air.

This follows the introduction of similar regulations around the globe and the introduction of the “Known Cargo” and “Known Shipper” concept. As a Regulated Agent Megafreight is allowed to declare cargo as “Known” but this does come with many responsibilities, some of which are listed below;

- Maintain records of all shipping documents documenting the transport and handling history in accordance with the requirements of document SA-CATS-ACS (South African Civil Aviations Transport Security-Air Cargo Security).
- Ensure that the acceptance and handling of cargo is carried out by trained personnel, who have received job specific cargo security training, required in terms of document SA-CATS-ACS.
- Determine by physical checks or screening in the manner prescribed in document SA-CATS-ACS, whether consignments of cargo contain any explosives, incendiary devices or any other prohibited/harmful articles as defined in the National Aviation Safety Plan 2004.
- Ensure that known cargo is sealed with seals acceptable to the commissioner and that such seals are intact.
- Conduct background checks on personnel recruited for accepting all cargo and storing, forwarding and/or handling of known cargo intended for carriage by air.

As from 1st July 2009 no cargo may be loaded onto any aircraft unless these rigorous security measures have been followed. Where cargo is presented to an airline that has not been declared as “Known Cargo” by a certified (regulated) agent it will be subject to an additional fee of \$0.02p/kg with a minimum \$5.00 per shipment and may also be held over for 24 hours for security clearance.

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