



Export Air Cargo Security is changing on 1 March 2019

Dear Exporters,

I am writing to you with information critical to the future of your export business.

It is now just **six (6) weeks until 1 March 2019** when export air cargo, regardless of destination, will need to be examined at piece-level or originate from a Known Consignor.

This change is necessary to ensure that Australia is responding to the evolving terrorist threat.

If you haven't already done so, you now need to finalise arrangements with your air cargo supply chain about:

- If and how the change will impact your current export arrangements.

For example:

- Possible changes to delivery times or delays
- Possible increases in costs

- Your options to minimise the impact of the change.

For example:

- Packaging of your products
- Handling of consolidated cargo
- Scheduling of your deliveries
- How your cargo is transported

The Department is currently managing a large number of Known Consignor applications. Businesses considering joining the Known Consignor Scheme can find out more on the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/our-portfolios/transport-security/air-cargo-and-aviation/air-cargo/known-consignor-scheme

If you have questions please contact the Department of Home Affairs at guidancecentre@homeaffairs.gov.au or call 1300 791 581.

Yours sincerely

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