



Info-Sheet: Shippers of Air Cargo within Canada

About the Air Cargo Security (ACS) Program

Transport Canada is working with the air cargo industry to:

- Develop an ACS Program that meets the high-est standards;
- Reduce risks to the safety and security of the travelling public; and
- Keep goods moving in and out of Canada efficiently.

The ACS Program is one of many Aviation Security activities (e.g. baggage screening, non-passenger screening, and airport access control) put in place to mitigate risks to civil aviation.

What does air cargo security mean for shippers?

If you are a Canadian shipper and your cargo is destined for domestic, international or transborder (i.e. United States) locations and the cargo may depart a CATSA-designated Canadian airport onboard a passenger flight, you should be aware of key air cargo security requirements and timelines, and what these may mean for your air cargo operations.

By December 31, 2012, 100% of cargo transported onboard a domestic, international or transborder passenger flight departing a CATSA-designated Canadian airport must be secured, and confirmed at the air carrier level, as having met some security requirements:

- For domestic and international passenger flight, cargo must come from a Registered Shipper or be actively screened using approved methods by either an Approved Participant or the air carrier. Registered shipper cargo may pass directly to an air carrier or through an Approved Participant in the ACS Program.
- Currently, for passenger flights to the United States, non-palletized cargo must come from a Registered Shipper (directly or through an Approved Participant in the ACS Program) and be actively screened using approved methods by an Approved Participant or the air carrier.

If your air cargo operations are domestic and/or international in scope, you may chose to register with the ACS Program to become a Registered Shipper or have your cargo screened by an Approved Participant screening facility or the air carrier prior to uplift.

If your cargo is flown into the United States (i.e. transborder), you must register with the ACS Program to become a Registered Shipper and have your cargo screened by an Approved Participant or the air carrier prior to uplift.

How do I become a Registered Shipper?

Go to the ACS Program's website <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/aviationsecurity/asc-41.htm> to submit an online application or contact the ACS Support Centre for more information: Call toll free at 1-866-375-7342 or email aircargo-fretaerien@tc.gc.ca.

What do I need in order to become a Registered Shipper?

You will need a Business Number (issued by the Canada Revenue Agency), a Canadian business address, and a referral that can confirm an existing business relationship with respect to shipping air cargo (i.e. freight forwarder or air carrier).