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Notice to Regulated Agents

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Quality Control Programme
Random Screening of Cargo from Known Consignors

The purpose of this Notice is to advise the Regulated Agents of the importance of conducting the random screening of cargo from known consignors on a regular basis.

2. Notice to Regulated Agents No. 01/04 promulgates the requirement for Regulated Agents to conduct random checks by x-ray on a minimum of 0.5% (in weight) of cargo from known consignors which is booked to be carried on passenger aircraft. The requirement had been implemented since 1 March 2004.

3. We conducted a survey in June to review the progress of implementation of the scheme by the agents. From the data we have received we notice that some agents have yet to carry out their checks.

4. We wish to reiterate that the random screening should be conducted on a monthly basis as far as practicable. We also believe that it is for the agents' benefit not to leave the checks to be done at the end of the cycle year.

5. At present most x-ray screening services are provided by the two cargo terminals, Hactl and AAT. Should a vast number of agents cluster their screening in the year end period, the screening capacity at the two cargo terminals may not be sufficient to cope with the surged demand and some agents may be unable to fulfill the random checks requirement by the close of the year. In this connection we strongly recommend that, as a good practice, agents conduct the checks on a **monthly** basis.

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