



Notice to Regulated Agents 1/2021

New Revision of Regulated Agent Security Programme to be Effective from 1 March 2021

This notice serves to notify Regulated Agents (RAs) about the new revision of Regulated Agent Security Programme (RASP) which will be effective from 1 March 2021, i.e. when Phase 4 of the Transitional Arrangement for International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) New Policy Direction on Air Cargo Security commences. RAs are reminded to take note of the changes to this new revision of the RASP, **complete and return to the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) the new revision of RASP on or before 5 March 2021**.

Background

2. As promulgated in the Notice to RAs 1/2019, all consignors, except those validated by the CAD, would become unknown consignors starting from Transition Phase 4 which will commence on **1 March 2021**, and their cargo shall be subject to **100% security screening prior to being loaded onto a commercial aircraft**. The relevant provisions in the RASP have been revised accordingly to reflect the changes to the Regulated Agent Regime (RAR) amongst other changes.

Changes to the RASP

3. The revised RASP under the "Application for Registration as RA" has been uploaded to CAD website for download (https://www.cad.gov.hk/english/newra_reg.html). Changes are highlighted by vertical lines on the left hand side against the amended text. The major changes are highlighted in the following paragraphs.

4. Due to the ICAO New Policy Direction, obsolete provisions in the RASP have been duly removed, such as:

- Known consignors and account consignors previously recognised by RAs;
- All references to the security status for cargo tendered by account consignors for carriage on board all-cargo aircraft (i.e. "SCO");
- RAs using hand search or physical check at piece level to screen Unknown Cargo;
- Random X-ray Screening of 1% of Known Cargo consignments.

5. The definition of **Known Cargo** (i.e. “**SPX**” cargo) has also been updated as “consignment of cargo which has been subjected to appropriate security screening acceptable to CAD (i.e. **screened cargo**); **or** a consignment of **cargo received from a Known Consignor (KC) validated by the CAD** (i) direct or (ii) consigned through a Regulated Agent (RA)”.

Actions by RAs

6. **All RAs are required to complete and submit the following documents by email to rar@cad.gov.hk to CAD on or before 5 March 2021:**

- (a) a revised RASP, by completing *pages 1 to 19* of the updated “Application for Registration as RA” ;**
- (b) a scanned copy of the Declaration of Compliance duly signed by the PIC, by completing *page 20* of the updated “Application for Registration as RA” ; and**
- (c) a revised warehouse floor plan if applicable (e.g. for removing the “SCO” cargo area in your warehouse which is no longer required).**

Please note that it is not necessary to submit other documents at this stage. Please also be reminded to quote your company name and RA code in the email.

Failure to comply with the requirements detailed in this paragraph may lead to suspension or de-registration of the company’s RA status.

Enquiries

7. For enquiries, please contact the CAD at 2910 6880, 2910 8695, 2910 8696 and 2910 8697 during office hours (09:00 – 12:00; 14:00 – 17:00) daily, except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

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Aviation Security Section

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