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Airfreight security to USA tightened

The United States' government has tightened the security requirements for airfreight shipments to that country with immediate effect.

A total prohibition on the acceptance of cargo originating from Yemen or Somalia has been imposed.

In addition the following categories of "Elevated Risk Cargo" have to be pre-notified to carriers before being tendered for shipment;

Any cargo declared, where reference is made in the documentation to indicate "Personal Effects" or "Household Goods".

Any cargo received in which the commodity information is incomplete, missing or inaccurate.

Shipments paid for in cash or personal cheque, or shipped as COD.

Shipments from a shipper that does not have an established business relationship of more than 30 calendar days and an established shipping and billing address.

Cargo accepted from an International Air Transport Association (IATA)-registered agent, other cargo agent, freight forwarder, consolidator, or air carrier that does not have an established business relationship of more than 30 calendar days and established shipping and billing address.

Cargo accepted from an air carrier employee or authorised representatives, such as handling agents, etc.

Clients are asked to ensure that all of these criteria are strictly adhered to when instructing us to airfreight cargo to the USA. Safcor Panalpina has a legal obligation to certify that cargo tendered for shipment does not fall into any of the above categories and may exercise its right to reject or delay cargo that appears to fall within any of the above categories for additional checks .

Any delays and additional costs will be for the account of the consignor.

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