

PORTS EXPRESS LTD
REGULATED AGENT REGIME

Dear Ports Customer,

As airports have become more efficient at screening passengers and their baggage, passenger aircraft have become more vulnerable to attack through air cargo. One Hundred and Eighty Two (182) countries have signed an agreement to implement the Regulated Agent Regime (RAR). Hong Kong is one of those signatories. Here in Hong Kong the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) will control the RAR.

The RAR will effect every company exporting air cargo through Hong Kong Airport. It is important that you are aware of the system, how it operates and how it will affect you.

Ports is registering with the CAD as a Regulated Agent and as one of our customers you are invited to become a Known Consignor with Ports under the new regulations.

As a regular customer of Ports, it is permissible for consignments from your organization to receive expedited dispatch arrangements.

To take advantage of this status, you are responsible to ensure that your consignments are prepared and handled in a manner that will not compromise their security standing. Under the RAR you are required to enter into a business contract with Ports and sign a declaration declaring that the cargo consigned by your organization does not contain any explosive, incendiary device or dangerous cargo. You must declare that your organization has made its best endeavor to protect the consignment against any unauthorized interference during its preparation, storage and transportation. You must also agree that the packaging and contents can be examined for security reasons at anytime.

Should you not be registered with Ports as a Known Consignor then this will mean that we have to treat all of your cargo as UNKNOWN. In this instance, under the new regulations, all your cargo will have to be sent for screening at either HACTL or AAT and will involve additional charges to carry out X-rays of your cargo. This will also slow down the processing and shipping of your cargo.

The Hong Kong Aviation Security Programme requires that international air cargo must be subjected to security controls prior to dispatch. These controls are intended to prevent the placement of explosives, incendiary devices or dangerous goods on aircraft as an act of unlawful interference or sabotage.

To ensure that your consignments are not delayed, you may care to note that we cannot expedite the dispatch of consignments;

With damaged or insecure packaging or where it is evident that the original packaging of a Consignment may have been subject to tampering or interference

Where it cannot be verified that the person presenting the consignment is a bona-fide Representative of the Known Consignor

Where it is not clear from the documentation that you are the owner or originator of the Items contained in the consignment

If you have any questions regarding your responsibility to deliver secure cargo, please discuss this with our staff.

Your faithfully,