

**PROTECT – UK REGULATED AGENTS AND CERTIFIED TRAINERS ONLY**

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Dear Colleague

**Reminder – Withdrawal of the Account Consignor Scheme from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

We wrote to you on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 and again on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 informing you of our intention to withdraw the Account Consignor scheme from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Regulated Agents have not been permitted to establish new Account Consignors since the Single Consolidated Direction (Aviation) 2010 (Variation No1) 2010 came into force on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

**This letter is to remind you that the Account Consignor scheme will be withdrawn in its entirety with effect from 9th December 2011.**

If you have not yet done so, I should be grateful if you would make each of your Account Consignors aware that their Account Consignor status will be revoked with effect from 9th December 2011 and discuss with them how they will be presenting consignments to you after that date.

As with the last reminder sent to you 28 June 2011, I am attaching a form of words which offers advice to Account Consignors who may wish to take advantage of the Known Consignor scheme.

Further information on the Known Consignor scheme can be found at:  
<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/guidance-for-known-consignors/guidance-for-known-consignors.pdf>.

Yours sincerely,



David Elbourne

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Dear Consignor

**Screening of Cargo**

As I am sure you will be aware, all cargo flown from an EU member state is required to have security measures applied to it before flight. These measures may be applied either by screening by an airline or regulated agent or else by a validated known consignor originating the cargo in such a way that it can be deemed to be secure from source.

In order to ensure that the cargo does not include anything that is likely to endanger the flight, the airline or its agent has to use as many of the approved security controls as are necessary to satisfy itself that the cargo does not contain any prohibited articles. This means that in many cases the cargo will have to be opened and unpacked in order for the security controls to be applied. This is especially the case where the cargo is oversized or dense or packaged within protective membranes.

The processes undertaken by the Regulated Agent or Airline to prepare the cargo for the application of security controls may be intrusive and might result in the cargo being delayed and in the cases where the cargo has to be repacked, some additional cost. As many consignors wish to avoid their consignments being interfered with or delayed, the DfT also offers the option for the consignor, where they are the manufacturer or the distributor, to submit cargo as secure from source under the 'Known Consignor' scheme.

Under the Known Consignor scheme, the consignor takes responsibility for the security of the cargo that they originate. They are responsible for ensuring that the premises where the cargo is prepared are secure and also that the staff involved are recruited and vetted to the required standard and given training in cargo security.

Guidance for prospective Known Consignors is available on the DfT website at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/guidance-for-known-consignors/>.

Further information is available at [current.cargovalidations@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:current.cargovalidations@dft.gsi.gov.uk). In order to become a Known Consignor, a consignor should apply to the DfT at [current.cargovalidations@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:current.cargovalidations@dft.gsi.gov.uk). The consignor will be validated on an annual basis by a DfT accredited validator, Validators charge £400 for this service plus travelling costs.

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