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REGULATION OF KNOWN CONSIGNORS

Securing air cargo from aviation security threats is a critical objective and responsibility of all stakeholders in the global aviation industry. Recognising the importance of securing the entire air cargo supply chain, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requires its Contracting States (of which Singapore is one) to establish a supply chain process that includes the approval of both its regulated agents and/or known consignors¹ by the appropriate authority for aviation security i.e. Airport Police Division (APD).

2 In 2008, Singapore's Regulated Air Cargo Agent Regime (RCAR) was implemented to ensure that air cargo agents put in place measures to protect air cargo which they handle from acts of unlawful interference. Under the RCAR regime, consignors in Singapore may be recognised as known consignors based on either of the below criteria:

- a) Consignors who possess industry-recognised security certifications, i.e. Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA) Air Cargo Security Standards [TACSS] Level 1, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Tier 2 or 3, or Secure Trade Partnership (STP) or STP-Plus; and
- b) Consignors who have a 'commercial relationship' with a regulated agent, i.e. consignors must ship with the regulated air cargo agent at least 3 times in the preceding 12 months with the 3rd shipment transacted in the preceding 6 months without incident and at least once every 6 months thereafter. Known consignors qualifying under this criteria have to establish the relationship with each regulated air cargo agent separately.

3 To further strengthen the integrity of Singapore's air cargo supply chain, APD will be replacing the 'commercial relationship' criterion in 2(b) with a new Known Consignor Regime (KCR) by 1 October 2020. Once the KCR is implemented, consignors who wish to be recognised as Known Consignors must register with APD to be recognised as a Known Consignor, and comply with a set of security requirements in securing the air cargo which they are handling.

¹ **Annex 17 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Standard 4.6.2** – *Each Contracting State shall establish a supply chain security process, which includes the approval of regulated agents and/or known consignors, if such entities are involved in implementing screening or other security controls of cargo and mail.*

4 APD will continue to recognise consignors who possess TACSS Level 1, C-TPAT Tier 2/3 and STP/STP-Plus as known consignors [as described in criterion 2(a)].

5 Since October 2018, APD has conducted a total of 18 Town Hall sessions for consignors and industry participants to notify them of the intention to implement the KCR. A copy of the briefing slides and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available at <http://www.police.gov.sg/kcr>.

6 In preparation for the implementation of KCR, APD will be conducting the following engagements:

- For consignors – Workshops on Known Consignor Security Programme (KCSP) requirements and certification process for consignors in the 4th quarter of 2019. Workshop dates will be updated at <https://www.police.gov.sg/kcr>; and
- For other air cargo supply chain entities – Briefing sessions to Airfreight Terminal Operators, Air Express Carriers, Regulated Air Cargo Agents in the 3rd quarter of 2019. Invitation emails providing details of the briefing sessions will be sent in due course.

7 Should you have any queries, please email them to spf_rcar_kcr@spf.gov.sg.

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