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## **EXTENSION OF REGULATED AIR CARGO AGENT REGIME (RCAR) TO ALL-CARGO AIRCRAFT**

RCAR was implemented in Singapore on 1 Apr 2008 to secure the processes for handling, transporting and storage of cargo on passenger aircraft departing from Singapore. At the inception of RCAR, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Contracting States were only required to apply security controls to cargo and mail onboard passenger aircraft. ICAO had since amended Annex 17 via Amendment 13 on 15 Jul 2013 to extend security controls to cargo and mail onboard all-cargo aircraft.

2 RCAR will be extended to all-cargo aircraft from 1 Apr 2016 to comply with the new ICAO Annex 17 Standards:

- 4.6.1 Each Contracting State shall ensure that appropriate security controls, including screening where practicable, are applied to cargo and mail, prior to their being loaded onto an aircraft engaged in commercial air transport operations.
- 4.6.5 Each Contracting State shall ensure that operators do not accept cargo or mail for carriage on an aircraft engaged in commercial air transport operations unless the application of screening or other security controls is confirmed and accounted for by a regulated agent, or an entity that is approved by an appropriate authority. Cargo and mail which cannot be confirmed and accounted for by a regulated agent or entity that is approved by an appropriate authority shall be subjected to screening.

3 The amended Air Navigation (Regulated Air Cargo Agents) Regulations, Security Directive for All-Cargo Aircraft Operators (SDACAO) and Security Directive for Airfreight Terminal Operators (SDAFTO) will be promulgated on 1 Apr 2016. Regulated Air Cargo Agent Security Programme (RACASP) Requirements will remain the same. All-cargo aircraft

operators, airfreight terminal operators and regulated air cargo agents shall submit their amended SDACAO security programme, SDAFTO security programme and RACASP respectively to Airport Police Division (APD) for approval by 30 Apr 2016.

4 Between Nov 2015 and Jan 2016, APD and Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore jointly conducted 6 briefing sessions on the implementation details of the Extension of RCAR to All-Cargo Aircraft to the following entities:

- a All-cargo aircraft operators
- b Airfreight terminal operators
- c Cargo agents
- d Consignors
- e International Air Transport Association
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- g Singapore Logistics Association
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A copy of the briefing slides is available on <http://www.police.gov.sg/rcar/>.

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