

EU ACC3 PROGRAMME

Could the EU ACC3 programme be of interest to you?

Is your company located in a country outside the European Union?

Are you a manufacturer or producer of goods?
Or
Are you a freight forwarder, screening facility, ground handler or postal operator?

Are those goods delivered to the European Union?

Are those goods delivered by aircraft?

Did you tick all 4 boxes?
In that case, the EU ACC3 programme could be of interest to you.

More information

Further details on the EU ACC3 programme, the security requirements and EU aviation security validation can be found on the website of the European Commission

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/security/car-go-mail/entities_en.htm

INFORMATION FOR SHIPPERS, FREIGHT FORWARDERS, SCREENING FACILITIES, GROUND HANDLERS AND POSTAL OPERATORS

Since 1 February 2012, the EU has put in place the EU ACC3 programme. Under this programme, air carriers are required to ensure appropriate security measures for all cargo or mail they fly from a country outside the EU into the EU. As a shipper, freight forwarder, screening facility, ground handler or postal operator you may handle cargo or mail relevant to this programme.

Background

Air carriers are required to protect the consignments they fly against terrorist acts. This can be done through physical screening (e.g. X-ray) or by ensuring that consignments have been protected against unauthorized interference from the start of the supply chain.

Since 1 February 2012, air carriers flying cargo or mail from outside the European Union (EU) into the EU are required to ensure that these security measures are in place for cargo and mail bound for the EU. Air carriers that fulfil these requirements are part of the EU ACC3 programme.

As a shipper, freight forwarder, screening facility, ground handler or postal operator, you may form part of the supply chain of an air carrier.

If you produce, transport, screen or otherwise handle goods that are delivered to the European Union by aircraft, the EU ACC3 programme might be relevant to you.

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If you become part of the EU ACC3 programme, you produce, transport, screen or otherwise handle goods under secure conditions.

As a result, these goods do not need to be (re)screened by the air carrier before they are flown to the EU, thereby facilitating the trade flow to the EU.

Requirements

To become part of the EU ACC3 programme you need to fulfil certain security objectives and invite an approved EU aviation security validator to validate your cargo and mail operations. The list of approved auditors can be found on the website of the European Commission.

The validation exercise includes an examination of your security programme and an on-site verification of the implementation of security measures.

These security measures include access control to your premises, limiting access to air cargo and mail to authorized persons, security training for these persons, proper packaging, screening according to EU standards, etc.

A successful validation grants you the status 'Third country known consignor' (KC3) or 'Third country regulated agent' (RA3), depending on your operations.

With this status, you can engage with air carriers and become part of their secure supply chain.