



WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) today announced an Interim Final Rule (IFR) implementing the Certified Cargo Screening Program (CCSP) - a system TSA will use to fulfill the air cargo security requirements of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act) that mandates screening of 50 percent of cargo transported on passenger aircraft by February 2009 and 100 percent by August 2010.

"We developed a common-sense solution that will greatly enhance air cargo security by using valuable data from pilot programs and engaging thousands of stakeholders," said TSA Assistant Administrator John Sammon. "This program is a critical step toward meeting the mandate of the 9/11 Act in an efficient and effective manner that facilitates the flow of commerce."

CCSP has operated as a pilot program since February 2009, assisting aircraft operators in meeting the 50 percent screening milestone and allowing entities in the air cargo supply chain to screen cargo offsite and transport it to the airport securely without the need for rescreening. Aircraft operators must verify that the chain of custody is intact upon acceptance of screened cargo from a CCSP participant.

Under the rule, industry entities may apply to TSA to become a Certified Cargo Screening Facility (CCSF). CCSFs must carry out a TSA-approved security program and adhere to strict chain-of-custody requirements to secure cargo from the time it is screened until it is loaded onto a passenger aircraft. They also must implement a multi-layered security program that includes appointing security coordinators, strict access controls and vetting of key personnel. TSA will conduct routine inspections to determine whether CCSFs are complying with requirements.

The IFR will be effective 60 days from the date it is published in the Federal Register.

The IFR may be found by using the following link:

http://www.federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2009-21794_PI.pdf

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Airforwards Association.

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