



## **Air security milestone 'hitch-free'**

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The latest US air cargo security deadline has passed without major incident, carrier and forwarder representatives said last week.

Carriers including Lufthansa Cargo (LC) and [American Airlines](#) Cargo told IFW there had been no disruption to service levels following the introduction this month of the requirement to screen 50% of cargo carried on passenger aircraft.

Brandon Fried, executive director of the **Airforwarders Association**, said the real concern was the shift to 100% screening by August 2010, which required substantial changes for forwarders and carriers.

But he said there had been confusion over new rules on indirect air carriers that were also introduced on 1 February, which the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) had yet to clarify.

Harald Zielinski, LC's head of security, said compliance had taken "an enormous amount of hard work".

But operators said the TSA's new Certified Cargo Screening Program (CCSP), which allows agents and shippers to secure cargo at off-airport facilities, was functioning and had helped all parties achieve the 50% target.

TSA said more than 30 new companies were achieving CCSP certification each week by demonstrating compliance with strict security standards, including physical access controls, personnel security, and screening of prospective employees and contractors to TSA standards.