



Leave air cargo security to the shippers

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As noted in today's news section, security concerns are still top of mind with the [Airforwarders Association](#). At their annual conference – Air Cargo 2009 -- in Las Vegas last week, participants in a rapidly expanding Certified Cargo Screener Program (CCSP) offered two different perspectives on how the program fits into this risk-based system. [Pfizer International](#) chose to become certified to maintain the integrity of their medical supply shipment, while [Commodity Forwarders, Inc.](#) became a CCSP participant because it tenders perishable items that demand an efficient system to rapidly move goods from field to shelves.

The CCSP is a critical tool to achieve screening as it works through the supply chain, allowing shippers like CCSP participant Pfizer to screen as they pack shipments as well as forwarders to screen cargo tendered to them.

By entrusting the experts in cargo – the shippers, forwarders and cargo divisions of air carriers – with the responsibility of screening and securing cargo, the integrity of shipments are better maintained, and the already strong chain of custody is further enhanced.