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MEMORANDUM TO ALL MEMBERS

International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) New Policy Direction

The Civil Aviation Department issued a notice on 3 January 2017 alerting the trade of the new requirement of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). For details, please refer to the appendix.

At present, a consignor recognised by its partnering regulated agent (RA) or aircraft operator may have its consignments treated as known cargoes. The ICAO Council has determined that consignors not subject to approval by the Authority should be phased out within a five-year period, and at the latest by 30 June 2021. Three options will be available for such consignors to fulfill the policy direction:

- To seek approval from the Authority as “validated” known consignor (KC);
- To become an “unknown consignor” with all cargo subject to 100% security screening prior to being loaded on a commercial aircraft; or
- To be approved by the Authority as an entity other than RA or KC which applies security control to cargo sufficient to allow its carriage on any commercial aircraft.

The Government will consult the trade so as to propose a way forward. Members please keep abreast of latest development.

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The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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Dear Sir / Madam,

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
New Policy Direction
- Phase-out of Consignors not Approved by
Appropriate Authority for Aviation Security

I write to inform you of the new ICAO policy direction to phase-out consignors not approved by the appropriate authority for aviation security ("the Authority") by 30 June 2021.

In September 2016, the ICAO Secretary General issued a State Letter announcing the ICAO Council's decision that consignors not subject to approval by the Authority should be phased out within a five-year period, and at the latest by 30 June 2021. Three options will be available for such consignors to fulfil the new policy direction:

- To seek approval from the Authority as a "validated" known consignor (KC);
- To become an "unknown consignor" with all cargo subject to 100% security screening prior to being loaded on to a commercial aircraft; or
- To be approved by the Authority as an entity other than regulated agent (RA) or KC which applies security controls to cargo sufficient to allow its carriage on any commercial aircraft.

Further implementation guidelines are being developed by a working group under the ICAO.

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The ICAO's new policy direction seeks to enhance the international standards on air cargo security. It will however necessitate adjustments to the existing Regulated Agent Regime (RAR) in Hong Kong. At present, a consignor recognised by its partnering RA or aircraft operator may have its consignments treated as known cargoes. Under the new policy direction, such consignor will either have to be approved by the Authority, or have its air cargoes subject to 100% security screening.

The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) is maintaining close communications with the ICAO as the latter develops the detailed implementation guidelines. Meanwhile, the Government is studying the full implications of the new ICAO policy direction, taking into account the implementation arrangements, and will suitably propose a way forward. The CAD will closely engage the trade through appropriate channels, including the RAR Implementation Working Group, as the Government formulates its proposals.

For any enquires on the subject, please contact the Aviation Security Section of the CAD at 2910 8696 or by email: rar@cad.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,



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