# IAC2403 Introduction to Security Risk and Crisis Management

Unit 4
Cargo Security



# **Objective**

- 1. Concept of air cargo
- 2. How cargo moves?
- 3. Why cargo is vulnerable



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#### **KEY TERMS 1**

- Vulnerable =able to be easily physically, emotionally, or mentally hurt, influenced or attacked
- Consignee = the person something is sent to(Receiver)
   # Consignor (Sender/shipper)
- Consignment = sending goods to another person
- Liability=] when you are legally responsible for something

He denies any liability for the damage caused.

 Courier= a person who carries important messages or documents for someone else

#### **KEY TERMS 2**

Explosive= exploding or able to explode easily Certain gases are highly explosive.

Tamper, tampering =to touch or make changes to something which you should not, usually without enough knowledge of how it works or when you are trying to damage it (Interfere)

Absorb = to take something in, especially gradually *Plants absorb carbon dioxide.* 

Reverse= to (cause something to) go backwards, or to change the direction,

Reject= to refuse to accept, use or believe something or someone

# A definition of Cargo

- Air cargo is another term for air freight.
- It is the carriage or the transportation of goods through an air carrier.
- Transport services via air are the most valuable when it comes to moving express shipments around the globe and it consists of air mail, air freight and air express.
- Air cargo also flies in the same gateway as the commercial or passenger airlines.



### Types of Air Cargo:

- General Cargo: Do not require extra precautions or special handling during air transport. most consumer goods (with the exception of mobile phones, tablets and laptops), dry goods, hardware, textiles
- Special Cargo Transporting under special conditions due to their nature, weight, dimensions and/or value, may have specific requirements including packaging, labelling, documentation such as temperature control, air conditions, and special casing, usually in cases of hazardous goods, livestock, perishable cargo

 Cargo handling is performed at thousands of airports all over the world by hundreds of companies, posing a high potential risk for deviations in the quality of handling. IATA





# Elements considered as cargo

- Consignments sent via a cargo agent
- Consolidated shipper consignment
- Unaccompanied baggage carried as freight
- Courier company items
- Consolidated shipping is a method of shipping where a consolidator combines individual LCL (less than a container load) shipments from various shippers into one full container shipment.

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LCL

### **Exempt Consignments**

- Diplomatic mail
- Some high values goods= High Value Cargo Works of art,
   Gemstones Gold bullion or gold dust
- Special nuclear material







# Why cargo is vulnerable

The air cargo system is a complex, multi-faceted network that handles a vast amount of freight, packages, and mail carried aboard passenger and all-cargo aircraft

The air cargo system is vulnerable to several security threats including potential plots to place explosives aboard aircraft; illegal shipments of hazardous materials; criminal activities such as smuggling and theft; and potential hijackings and sabotage by persons with access to aircraft

Several procedural and technology initiative to enhance air cargo security and deter terrorist and criminal threats have been put in place or are under consideration.



### Procedural initiatives

- Include industry-wide consolidation of the "known shipper/consignor" program;
- Increased cargo inspections;
- Increased physical security of air cargo facilities;
- Increased oversight of air cargo operations;
- Security training for cargo workers;
- Stricter controls over access to cargo aircraft and air cargo operations areas.

- A Known Shipper is an qualified individual or entity who may transport their goods on passenger aircraft.
- Aircraft operators, foreign air carriers, and IACs must comply with a range of specific security requirements to qualify their clients as known shippers.
- The main role of the IACS (International Association of Classification Societies) is to make public the essential role that the IACS plays in maintaining standards for ship safety and protection of the marine

#### The Consignment Security Declaration (CSD)

The Consignment Security Declaration (CSD) provides regulators with an audit trail of how, when and by whom cargo has been secured along the supply chain.

- Its objective is to meet <u>ICAO</u> requirements, ensuring that each consignment received by an aircraft operator or a regulated agent comes with documentation, either on the <u>e-Air Waybill</u> or on a separate declaration.
- To avoid a different security declarations, IATA developed a standard CSD in cooperation with the industry and regulators.
- Electronic CSD (e-CSD)
- The e-CSD allows operators to exchange and archive security information electronically to warrant that only secure cargo is shipped. This electronic document can also be audited by regulators at any point in the supply-chain and printed from electronic records.

### **Technology**

Technology being considered to improve air cargo security includes

- Tamper-resistant and tamper-evident packaging and containers;
- Explosive detection systems (EDS) and other cargo screening technologies;
- Blast-resistant cargo containers and aircraft hardening;
- Biometric systems for worker identification and access control.





# **Airline Responsibility**

#### IATA SECURITY MANUAL:

"Carriers reserve the right, without assuming any liability to refuse, delay or return any cargo.....if it is believed that they may contain explosives or dangerous devices....

# **Known Cargo**

 Consignment from known consignor or regulated agent to which appropriate security controls have been applied; or

 Consignment of unknown cargo that has subsequently been subjected to security controls.

# **Unknown Cargo**

 Any cargo that cannot be classified as known or freighter class known cargo



# **Definition of Regulated Agent**

 An agent, freight forwarder or any other entity who conducts business with an operator and provides security controls that are accepted or required by the appropriate authority...



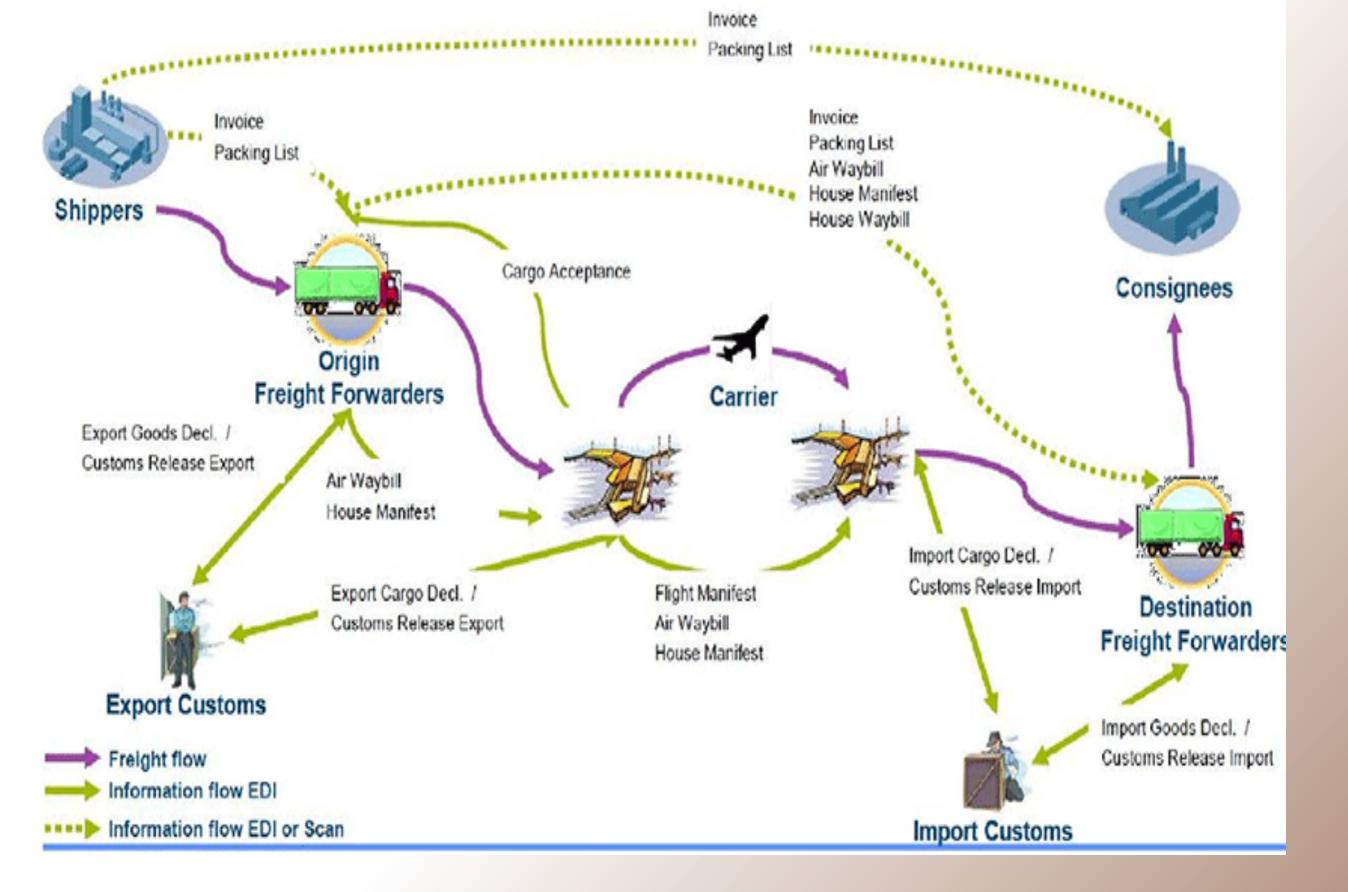


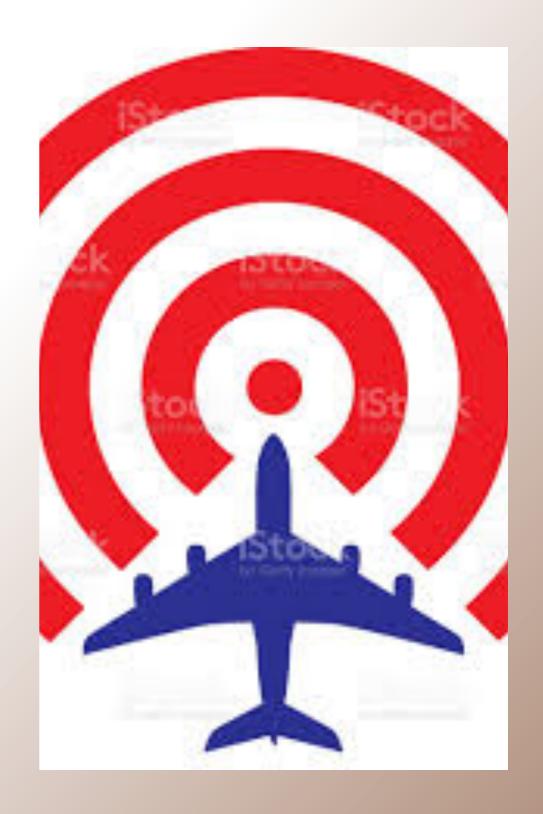
Fig 1. Source: IATA e-freight fundamentals 2013

# The Air Cargo Chain



# Aircraft Operator Responsibilities

- Ensure all consignments security are "known cargo" before loading
- Raise cargo manifest
- Delivered by established employee
- Valid documentation
- Consignment security declaration



# Aircraft Operator Procedures

- Checked for tampering
- Kept secure

#### OR

Treated as unknown and screened





#### Consignment Security Declaration

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- 1. Object placed between X-ray and screen will absorb some of the x-rays, causing a shadow on the screen.
- 2. Denser the object- darker the shadow

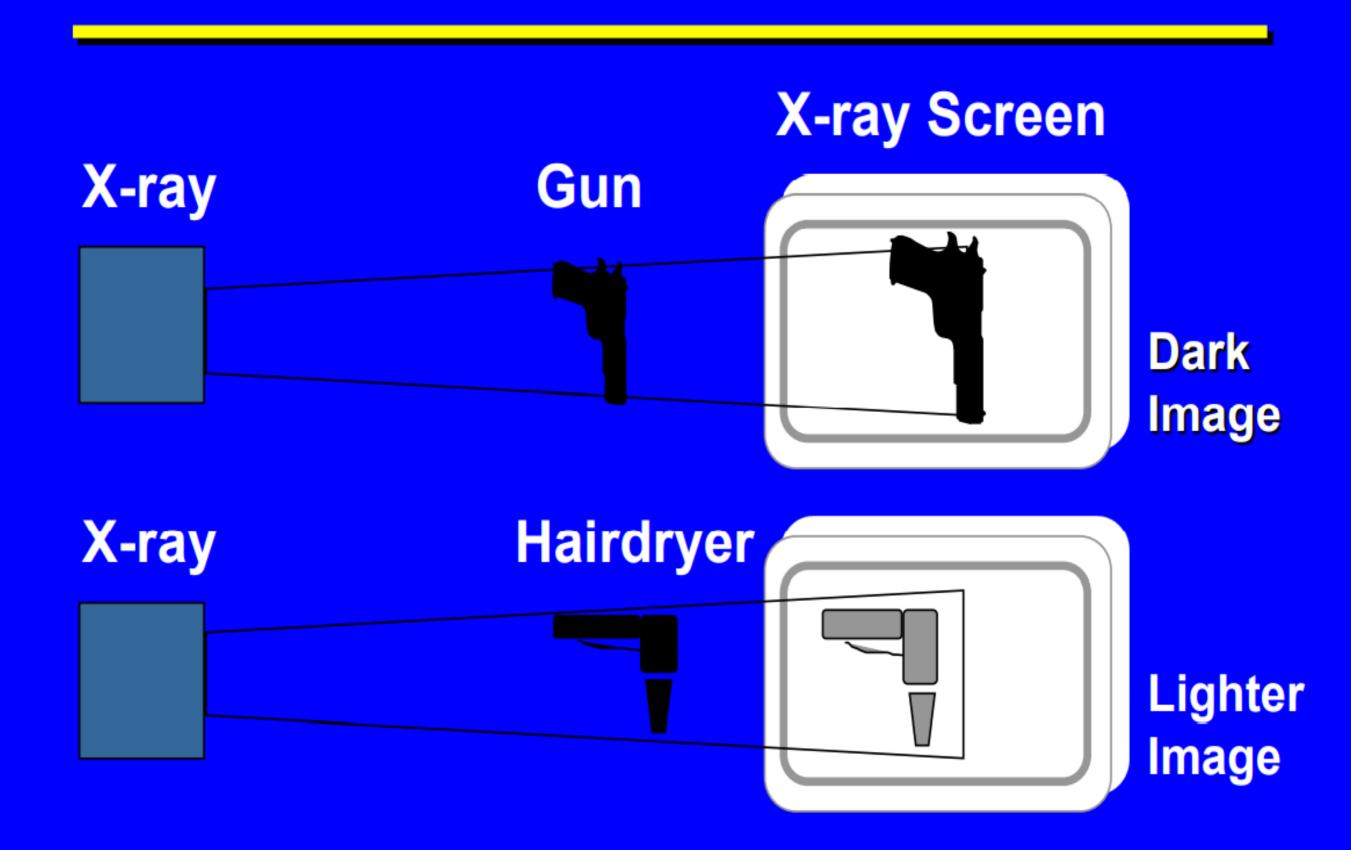
# X-Ray Imaging

Denser the object- darker the image

Denser object absorbs more X-Rays



# X-Ray - Basic Principles



## **EXAMPLE OF ILLEGAL CASE INSPECTED BY X-RAY**







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#### Remark:

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# **Safety Checks**

- Check that conveyor belt is not obstructed
- Open leaded curtains to make sure chamber is empty



# Safety Checks (Cont.)

- Make sure leaded curtains hang straight down
- Check exterior machine for loose wires/connections



## **Start-up X-ray Machine**

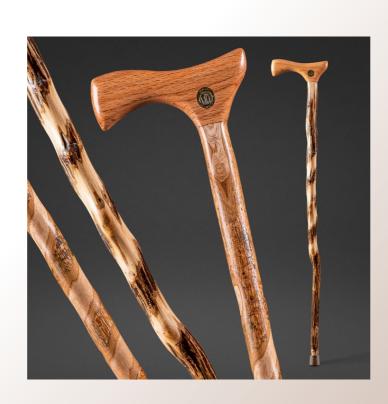
- Adjust brightness and contrast
- Test Forward, stop and reverse movement of belt.
- Test definition quality of X-Ray monitor by using official manufacturers test piece.

### **Difficult Items**

- Wrapped present and gifts
- Children's toys
- Crutches, canes, walking sticks
- Urns containing human remains
- Religious objects
- Valuables items









# Suspicious Objects

# IF THE ITEM APPEARS TO CONTAIN SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS:

• Item MUST be rejected for physical examination

Notify the supervisor

# Random Physical Search

 Percentage must be physically searched on a random basis

Searcher must use discretion

Effective deterrent

