

At Tampa Cargo, we mainly agree with the entire document regarding the upcoming security measures. However, there is one critical area of great business interest that was not mentioned. It's regarding establishing a standard security program/procedure that would allow the all foreign cargo carriers to receive cargo from and/or ship cargo onboard of passenger carriers.

Prior to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, passenger and cargo airlines used to accept cargo from each other, as long as the cargo is screened accordingly. However, due to the security concerns, most cargo carriers, especially the foreign all cargo carriers are not been able to continue this practice, which result in hardship and a significant lost in revenue to them. With all fairness, we strongly believe that there should be one standardized security program for the passenger airlines to accept or tender cargo from other carriers. The foreign cargo carriers should be allowed to adopt the (1546.101) program or develop an alternative internal security program that meets the TSA requirements. If the tailored program cannot be approved, that airline or carrier should then be obligated by the TSA to adopt the standard program.

After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Tampa Cargo was the first, foreign all cargo carrier to initially become a member of the (CBP) supply chain program called, the Customs - Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT).

In order to prevent unfair business practices, and not to deprive the all cargo foreign carriers the right to be competitive, they should be granted equal opportunity to adopt or tailor their security program in conjunction with the TSA cargo security program.

Since the current (1550-EA) doesn't allow the foreign all cargo carriers to either receive or shipping cargo onboard of the passenger carriers, in order not to restrict them from being actively involve in all aspects of the business, like the US carriers, if they are willing to adopt or comply with the (1546.101) security program, the foreign all cargo carriers that adhere with the TSA requirements should also be able to tender cargo to the passenger carriers without restriction.