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****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Bulletin: Enhanced Screening

To our valued customers:

The Australian Government (Department of Home Affairs) has implemented security measures, to strengthen Australia's air cargo security, in response to evolving threats. The new security measures will include piece-level** examination for outbound domestic cargo from all major airports across Australia, beginning 01 July 2020. Phase 2 will involve smaller airports, such as Cocos Keeling Islands and Christmas Islands, to follow in 2021.

These security measures have been introduced in response to the disrupted terrorist plot in Sydney in July 2017. That plot demonstrated a level of terrorist intent and sophistication not previously seen in Australia. It is essential that Australia's aviation industry employs effective security measures to address the threat environment and to protect trade and travel.

To ensure the security of Australia's aviation industry remains robust, the Government is introducing enhanced requirements for the examination of domestic air cargo, building on measures already in place. The Government is working closely with relevant industries in implementing these changes.

As a result of this Government imposed Security changes, additional processing steps will now be necessary to prepare your cargo for export and lodgement to the airline.

Additional Paperwork Requirements

A more detailed list of contents will be required by the freight Screening Examination Officers more than our current Shippers Declaration asks for. In the lead up to 1st July 2020 ALL Freightshop Shippers Declaration submissions will require a copy of the commercial invoice or a packing list.

During the coming weeks we are working to streamline processes as much as possible, with the aim of being entirely compliant with the new security measures by the start date of 1st July. To achieve the best outcomes and assist in avoiding delays, the down line co-operation of supplier will be pivotal to ensure your cargo is not delayed.

**Piece level means that each individual piece will require screening. Pallets will be broken down and rebuilt.



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The new screening process will necessitate an earlier cut off times for much of our freight: this is regrettable, but unavoidable unfortunately. Revised flight cut off times as follows:

IOT Air Freight Lodgement Deadlines From 1st July 2020

Flight # Day	New Deadline	Previous Deadline
VA1909 Tuesday	All Cargo – Before Noon Monday (no change)	Noon Monday
VA1913 Friday	Ambient and Dangerous Goods – Before Noon Wednesday Medical and Preapproved Perishables only – Before Noon Thursday	Noon Thursday
VA9941 Friday	Ambient and Dangerous Goods – Before Noon Wednesday	Noon Thursday
Fortnightly (Freighter)	Medical and Preapproved Perishables only – Before Noon Thursday	

** Shipments containing any ambient/general cargo will need to be delivered by noon Wednesday, with Life Saving Medical items being the exception.

Between noon Wednesdays and noon Thursdays, only Perishables and Medical consignments will have screening priority due to the nature and sensitivity of the commodity. Any consignment lodged within this timeframe, containing ambient cargo will receive the lowest priority.

IOT Air Freight Prices From 1st July 2020

Current prices	Current price	Price from 1 st July 2020
Documentation/Handling Fee, per consignment	\$70	\$75
Priority freight	\$8.70 per kilo	\$9.30 per kilo
General freight	\$7.50 per kilo	\$8.10 per kilo

Current freight prices will remain unchanged for interisland and imported freight to Perth from Christmas and Cocos Island.



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Regrettably, price increases are necessary to cover the cost of additional staff and outsourced contracts required to facilitate the enhanced screening process.

As always, your custom is important to us and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by the new systems required.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew Watkins".

Drew Watkins | Managing Director

Further information on the changes to air cargo security can be found at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au>.