§ 1546.211 Law enforcement personnel.

(a) At airports within the United States not governed by part 1542 of this chapter, each foreign air carrier engaging in public charter passenger operations must—

(1) When using a screening system required by §1546.101(a), (b), or (c), provide for law enforcement officers meeting the qualifications and standards, and in the number and manner, specified in part 1542; and

(2) When using an airplane having a passenger seating configuration of 31 or more but 60 or fewer seats for which a screening system is not required by §1546.101(a), (b), or (c), arrange for law enforcement officers meeting the qualifications and standards specified in part 1542 of this chapter to be available to respond to an incident and provide to appropriate employees, including crewmembers, current information with respect to procedures for obtaining law enforcement assistance at that airport.

(b) At airports governed by part 1542 of this chapter, each foreign air carrier engaging in scheduled passenger operations or public charter passenger operations when using an airplane with a passenger seating configuration of 31 or more and 60 or fewer seats under §1546.101(c), must arrange for law enforcement personnel meeting the qualifications and standards specified in part 1542 of this chapter to be available to respond to an incident and provide to appropriate employees, including crewmembers, current information with respect to procedures for obtaining law enforcement assistance at that airport.


This section applies in the United States to each foreign air carrier operating under §1546.101(a), (b), or (e).

(a) Before a foreign air carrier authorizes and before an individual performs a function described in paragraph (b) of this section—

(1) Each individual must successfully complete a security threat assessment or comparable security threat assessment described in part 1540 subpart C of this chapter; and

(2) Each aircraft operator must complete the requirements in part 1540 subpart C.

(b) The security threat assessment required in paragraph (a) of this section applies to the following:

(1) Each individual who has unescorted access to cargo and access to information that such cargo will be transported on a passenger aircraft; or who has unescorted access to cargo that has been screened for transport on a passenger aircraft; or who performs certain functions related to the transportation, dispatch or security of cargo for transport on a passenger aircraft or all-cargo aircraft, as specified in the foreign air carrier operator’s or foreign

(2) The place where the X-ray system is in operation.


(h) Each foreign air carrier must comply with the X-ray operator duty time limitations specified in its security program.

air carrier's security program; from the time—
(i) The cargo reaches a location where a foreign air carrier operating under §1546.101(e) consolidates or inspects it pursuant to security program requirements, until the cargo enters an airport Security Identification Display Area or is transferred to another TSA-regulated aircraft operator, foreign air carrier, or indirect air carrier; or
(ii) A foreign air carrier under §§1546.101(a) or (b) accepts the cargo, until the cargo—
(A) Enters an airport Security Identification Display Area;
(B) Is removed from the destination airport; or
(C) Is transferred to another TSA-regulated aircraft operator, foreign air carrier, or indirect air carrier.
(2) Each individual the foreign air carrier authorizes to screen cargo or to supervise the screening of cargo under §1546.205.

§ 1546.215 Known shipper program.

This section applies to each foreign air carrier operating a program under §1546.101(a) or (b).
(a) For cargo to be loaded on its aircraft in the United States, each foreign air carrier must have and carry out a known shipper program in accordance with its security program. The program must—
(1) Determine the shipper’s validity and integrity as provided in the foreign air carrier’s security program;
(2) Provide that the foreign air carrier will separate known shipper cargo from unknown shipper cargo; and
(3) Provide for the foreign air carrier to ensure that cargo is screened or inspected as set forth in its security program.
(b) When required by TSA, each foreign air carrier must submit in a form and manner acceptable to TSA—
(1) Information identified in its security program regarding an applicant to be a known shipper or a known shipper; and
(2) Corrections and updates to the information upon learning of a change to the information specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

Subpart D—Threat and Threat Response

§ 1546.301 Bomb or air piracy threats.

No foreign air carrier may land or take off an airplane in the United States after receiving a bomb or air piracy threat against that airplane, unless the following actions are taken:
(a) If the airplane is on the ground when a bomb threat is received and the next scheduled flight of the threatened airplane is to or from a place in the United States, the foreign air carrier ensures that the pilot in command is advised to submit the airplane immediately for a security inspection and an inspection of the airplane is conducted before the next flight.
(b) If the airplane is in flight to a place in the United States when a bomb threat is received, the foreign air carrier ensures that the pilot in command is advised immediately to take the emergency action necessary under the circumstances and a security inspection of the airplane is conducted immediately after the next landing.
(c) If information is received of a bomb or air piracy threat against an airplane engaged in an operation specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, the foreign air carrier ensures that notification of the threat is given to the appropriate authorities of the State in whose territory the airplane is located or, if in flight, the appropriate authorities of the State in whose territory the airplane is to land.

Subpart E—Screener Qualifications When the Foreign Air Carrier Conducts Screening

§ 1546.401 Applicability of this subpart.

This subpart applies when the aircraft operator is conducting inspections as provided in §1546.207.