

BACKGROUND

- ▶ In 2010 there was an attempt to use the air cargo system as a delivery mechanisms for an explosive device.
- ▶ International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and World Customs Organization (WCO) had signed an Memorandum of Understanding on 24 June 2011.
- ▶ They recognized that there is common interest in securing and protecting the international movement of goods from acts of terrorism.

IMPORTANT PRE REQUISITES

- ▶ High level of cooperation and coordination between Civil Aviation and customs at national level
- ▶ Alignment of objectives (Security is not seen on the same way from a Customs perspective and from a civil aviation perspective)
- ▶ Think “outbound” and not only “inbound” as cargo needs to have its security status cleared before departure in CA context

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

- ▶ Availability and sustainability of IT Systems to allow fast exchange of data and real time exchanges
- ▶ Not many State in AFI Region have the resource and volume of air operations.
- ▶ H24 Availability for risk-assessment
- ▶ To keep trained security personnel at the airport

REGULATORY CHALLENGES

Compliance with existing Regulatory frameworks including:

- ▶ **Amendment 13 to A17:**

i.e standard 4.6.8 on transfer cargo = ACI should contribute to facilitate the flow of transfer cargo and no impede it from moving at transfer points, especially when it is not High Risk Cargo

- ▶ **Upcoming Amendment 14 to 17:**

data elements should allow to conduct the screening of cargo before departure with the most appropriate method taking into account the nature of goods

- ▶ **High Risk Cargo (HRC) Definition**

If Advanced Cargo Information is to be used in the context of HRC identification, it would probably be one part of the overall process for identifying HRC according to Annex 17 definitions

PRACTICAL ISSUES TO ADDRESS

- ▶ Staff Training
- ▶ Implication of industry and adaptability of systems and resources currently employed
- ▶ Content of data exchanged and Security of electronic messaging flows
- ▶ Availability of data and clearance of Security status early before loading
- ▶ Ratio Costs/benefits

THE WAY FORWARD

- ▶ Importance of the Joint Working Group created by ICAO and WCO to explore and work on the potential for ACI to enhance Air Cargo Security if used in a civil Aviation Context;
- ▶ Importance to work in full cooperation between Civil Aviation and Customs, with industry contribution;
- ▶ Importance to base the future on results and lessons learnt from the pilots and studies in progress or completed.



THANK YOU