



Known Consignor Status: useful information

Known Consignor Status (Known Consignor)

The Known Consignor Status described in Regulation (EU) 185/2010 has implications for big and small companies that ship air freight.

From 29 April 2013 this EU Directive will be implemented in full. Air freight consignors can then choose one of these two options:

1. The consignor submits its goods for controls before they are loaded onto the airplane. This causes delays and increases the costs per kilogram of cargo shipped.

Or

2. The consignor invests in the security of its supply chain by taking certain measures to increase security. This way it is relieved of the need to have its goods controlled, and avoids potential delays and additional screening costs.

Known Consignors are no longer approved by a Regulated Agent, but must now be audited and certified by the Federal Aviation Office in Braunschweig (LBA). The LBA also carries out the audits.

A possible consequence may be a marked increase in the amount of cargo that the Regulated Agent still needs to check. This can lead to delays and additional costs for companies without Known Consignor Status.

FedEx Express has the solution for small and big businesses:

The changes for Known Consignors arising from Regulation (EU) 185/2010 do not affect FedEx Express customers. You do not have to submit an application for approval as a Known Consignor or pay additional fees.

Your shipments are in good hands with FedEx Express!

The benefits of shipping with FedEx Express

The implementation of the EU Regulation concerning Known Consignors does not affect FedEx Express customers.

FedEx Express, as a Regulated Agent, guarantees that all customer shipments are controlled.

FedEx Express customers do not therefore have to be registered as Known Consignors.

FedEx Express conducts a security check on all outgoing shipments.

What are the benefits?

- All your shipments are secured by FedEx Express
- No delays caused by controls
- No additional administrative expense, no additional procedures or investments required
- No additional costs



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Application for Known Consignor Status

“Known Consignor” status certification is now carried out by the Federal Aviation Office (LBA). As a FedEx Express customer you do not need this status.

If you have already been approved as a Known Consignor by a Regulated Agent, this status expires on 29 April 2013 and you must therefore submit a new application to the relevant state authority.

To attain Known Consignor Status, you must satisfy the following requirements:

- Submit an application to the Federal Aviation Office (LBA) in Braunschweig
- Pass the Federal Aviation Office (LBA) audit
 - A separate audit is required for each site.
 - To attain approval certain conditions need to be met, such as employing a security officer at each site, and providing all individuals who have access to identifiable air cargo with security training; certification of conduct, organisational and technical security measures for the relevant location, protection of identifiable air cargo from interference, as well as allowing unannounced Federal Aviation Office (LBA) inspections to take place.
- Registration in the European Database of Known Consignors.

The status is valid for five years.

How is Known Consignor Status applied for?

Further information on this subject can be found on the Federal Aviation Office (LBA) website at www.lba.de

Useful links

Below you will find useful links to resources about European legislation and practical information from the Federal Aviation Office (LBA)

European Legislation:

[Regulation \(EU\) 300/2008](#) – concerning common rules for safety in civil aviation and the repealing of Regulation (EC) 2320/2002

[Regulation \(EU\) 185/2010](#) – setting out specific measures for implementing common basic standards for aviation security

Federal Aviation Office:

[Information about getting approved as an officially recognised Known Consignor](#)

[“Known Consignor” forms and documents](#)



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Frequently asked questions

Must I have Known Consignor Status to ship with FedEx Express?

No, you do not have to have Known Consignor Status. FedEx Express takes care of everything needed. All outgoing air freight shipments are checked thoroughly for explosive substances and FedEx Express takes all necessary measures to ensure thorough controls and security control of shipments.

What status does FedEx Express have?

FedEx Express is a Regulated Agent.

I was approved as a Known Consignor by a Regulated Agent. Is this status still valid?

Approval by a Regulated Agent expires on 29 April 2013. An effect of the implementation of the new EU regulation will be that Known Consignor Status can only be awarded by a state authority, specifically the Federal Aviation Office (LBA). To receive this status you must submit an application to the relevant authority and then undergo an audit. If the company is successful it will be recognised as a Known Consignor and will be recorded in the European Database of Known Consignors. Please note: Each site has to undergo the audit.

FedEx can help you further

Do you have questions about the impact of this EU regulation, your application for Known Consignor Status, or the potential risks of not having this status?

Please contact your FedEx Account Executive or FedEx Customer Service on **01806 111 800** (20 cents per call from a German landline. Mobile rate max. 60 cents per call.) We are always happy to advise you.



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Glossary*

Known Consignor

A shipper of freight or mail authorised to ship on its own account, and whose processes meet the common security standards and regulations for transporting the relevant freight or mail by air.

Regulated Agent

An aviation company, agency, carrier or other body that guarantees security controls for freight or mail.

Account Consignor

A shipper of freight or mail authorised to ship on its own account, and whose processes meet the common security standards and regulations for transporting the relevant freight or mail by all-freight or all-mail aircrafts.

Control

The use of technical and other measures that serve to identify and/or detect prohibited items.

Security control

The use of measures by means of which the smuggling of prohibited items can be prevented.

Freight

Items for transport in an aircraft, not including luggage, post, air carrier materials, air carrier mail or aircraft supplies.

(*) Source: Regulation (EU) 300/2008