
**CIRCULAR ON EXPIRY OF SUBSIDY FOR SCREENING OF KNOWN
CONSIGNMENTS UNDER THE REGULATED AIR CARGO AGENT REGIME
(RCAR) ON 31 MARCH 2011**

The Regulated Air Cargo Agent Regime (RCAR) is a security measure implemented in Singapore on 1 April 2008, which focuses on consignments being exported out of Singapore on commercial passenger flights. Under the RCAR, cargo consignments are subject to varying degrees of security checks, depending on whether they are “Known” or “Unknown” consignments. Charges will be imposed for the application of these security measures. For more information on the RCAR and the definitions of “Known” and “Unknown” Consignments, please refer to the website: <http://www.spf.gov.sg/rcar/>.

To facilitate the introduction of the RCAR, the cost of security measures applicable to cargo consignments has been subsidized as follows:

- (a) Unknown Consignments (UC) from 1 April 2008 to 30 June 2010; and
- (b) Known Consignments (KC) and air-to-air transshipments that transit Changi for more than 6 hours from 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2011.

The government subsidy for screening of Unknown Consignments has already expired on 30 June 2010. The Cargo Terminal Operators (CTOs), SATS and CIAS, have already put in place applicable screening fees.

Please take note that the government subsidy for screening of Known Consignments and air-to-air transshipments that transit Changi for more than 6 hours will expire on 31 March 2011. CTOs may decide to set or amend their screening fees to recover the cost of the applicable security measures from 1 April 2011 onwards. The CTOs have been asked to consider the following guidelines when setting the fees:

- (a) The fees should encourage cargo agents to sign up as RCAs;
- (b) The fees should be itemized for transparency; and
- (c) Any introduction or changes to fees should be clearly communicated to the industry at least two months in advance to give sufficient notice to the industry.

Please kindly disseminate the contents of this circular to the attention of all your staff, contractors, customers and visitors. Thank you.

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