

Aviation Group Client Update

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TSA PUBLISHES NOTICE OF AIR CARGO SCREENING FEES

Today the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published a [notice](#) that establishes user fees for certain security threat assessments (STA) performed by TSA.

In the Air Cargo Screening final rule published on [August 18, 2011](#), TSA explained that due to significant decreases in the population estimate, the fee necessary to recover costs of conducting the threat assessments would increase. In addition, TSA proposed a new fee range for STAs between \$31 and \$51. TSA also sought public comment on the fee range and the methodology used to calculate the fee. The final rule stated that TSA would announce the final fee by notice in the Federal Register.

The notice establishes a final fee of \$41 for certain employees of aircraft operators, foreign air carriers, indirect air carriers (IAC) and certified cargo screening facilities (CCSF) who have, or are applying for, unescorted access to cargo to be transported on passenger aircraft, screen cargo, supervise the screening of cargo, or perform certain other security functions as provided for in 49 CFR 1540.201(a).

The air cargo screening fee becomes effective on **June 22, 2012**. Please contact our office with questions about how the notice impacts your operation.

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