

Transportation Security Administration
Aviation Security Advisory Committee

Public Meeting by Audio Teleconference

**April 28, 2005
Noon to 1:00pm, Eastern Time**

Summary

Opening Administrative Matters

The Aviation Security Advisory Committee (ASAC) Designated Federal Official (DFO), Joe Corrao, serving as moderator of this meeting, called the ASAC meeting to order at 12:02pm Eastern time. In opening remarks, Mr. Corrao noted that public notice of this meeting, dial-in procedures, and directions to obtain a copy of the Freight Assessment System Working Group (FAS-WG) report were published in the *Federal Register* on April 13, 2005. Mr. Corrao summarized the agenda, outlined conference call procedures for this public teleconference meeting of ASAC, and called the roll. The list of ASAC members and public participants attending this meeting is attached at Appendix A.

Upon establishing the presence of an ASAC quorum, Mr. Corrao called on Mr. Christopher Bidwell, representing the Air Transport Association (ATA) and the FAS-WG, to present a brief summary of the FAS-WG report.

Presentation: Report of the Freight Assessment System Working Group

Mr. Bidwell emphasized the following elements of the FAS-WG report and recommendations:

- The concept of a "freight assessment system" designed to identify air cargo posing an elevated security risk has been, and continues to be, supported by the industry.
- The working group should be extended to provide input to TSA as it designs a freight assessment process.
- A study of existing Customs and Border Protection (CBP) targeting data should be conducted to provide a baseline from which a freight assessment system can be developed. This would help prevent duplication and waste.
- Consideration should be given to using the current Shipper Export Declaration as a model, to capture data at the earliest possible point in the supply chain.
- The assessment process should evaluate the data and assess the risk posed by the cargo. The working group feels it should have a conceptual understanding of the process, but not actually determine how it works.
- There should be a system of outbound communication from the government that provides real time notification to industry of any cargo found to possess an elevated risk. This should be a green light/red light system that works almost instantaneously, much like the system used to approve credit card purchases.
- Cargo found to possess an elevated security risk should be inspected. However, there must be a process to differentiate paperwork and/or computer anomalies from true risk situations. Inspection of cargo should be performed by TSA employees.
- No random inspection should be included in the program.
- Implementation of the freight assessment system should be phased in to avoid potential chaos in the supply chain.
- Before final implementation, a pilot program should be established to test the proposed system.
- Before final implementation, a description of the freight assessment system should be released for public comment in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Implementation should be by amendment of each regulated party's security program.

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In discussion following Mr. Bidwell's presentation, the following points were made:

- In response to a question, Mr. Corrao clarified that only ASAC members would be permitted to participate in discussion of the FAS-WG report, consistent with ASAC practice for in-person meetings.
- The Airforwarders Association, the Airport Consultants Council, and Victims of Pan Am 103, in separate comments, stated support for the FAS-WG report and recommendations.
- In response to a question, Pamela Hamilton, Director of TSA's Office of Air Cargo Programs, stated that the freight assessment system is being designed by an internal TSA team in collaboration with industry through the ASAC process. Deloitte Consulting is the prime contractor supporting this effort.
- The Coalition of Airline Pilot Associations stated that random inspection of cargo should continue after implementation of a freight assessment system.

Dave Wirsing, representing the Airforwarders Association, moved ASAC to accept the FAS-WG report and recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bidwell. Following an opportunity for discussion of the motion, ASAC voted unanimously to receive the FAS-WG report and recommendations, and to forward them to TSA for action.

Presentation: Continuation of the Freight Assessment System Working Group.

Pam Hamilton, Director of Air Cargo Programs at TSA, asked ASAC to accept a new task for the FAS-WG. Ms. Hamilton noted that the FAS-WG report (just received by ASAC) recommends a pilot project to test the freight assessment system prior to implementation, and further recommends that the FAS-WG remain in operation through the pilot project to consult with TSA, to review lessons learned, and to help develop recommendations for a path forward after the pilot project. Ms. Hamilton stated that TSA believes that these recommendations have merit, and she asked ASAC to accept a new task for the FAS-WG to authorize undertaking the specified actions.

Following brief discussion, Steve Alterman, representing the Cargo Airline Association, moved ASAC to accept the new task. Paula Hochstetler, representing the Airport Consultants Council, seconded.

One ASAC member representative asked the moderator to restate the motion. Mr. Corrao responded that the motion before ASAC is "to take a new task to keep the Freight Assessment System Working Group intact, and the Freight Assessment System Working Group would be kept intact to consult with TSA on implementation of the FAS Pilot Program, and to help draft recommendations for what happens after the pilot is finished."

Following an opportunity for discussion of the motion, Mr. Corrao called for a vote on the motion. ASAC unanimously accepted the proposed new task for the Freight Assessment System Working Group.

Closing Remarks

In closing remarks, Mr. Alterman asked TSA to keep ASAC informed of later developments with respect to the FAS-WG. Mr. Corrao stated that tentatively, status reports on all four of the existing ASAC working groups are planned for the next ASAC meeting. He stated that the next ASAC meeting is tentatively planned for around the end of the Summer, 2005.

In response to another ASAC member's question, Mr. Corrao stated that a summary of this meeting, together with the list of participants, would be available to ASAC members and the public a few weeks after the meeting, consistent with the customary ASAC process.

Adjournment

The business of the committee concluded, the moderator adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:57pm, Eastern time.

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APPENDIX A

ASAC Member Representatives Present

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	First Name	Last Name	Phone Number	Affiliation
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3	Christopher	Bidwell	(202) 626-4219	Air Transport Association
4	Joseph	Corrao	(571) 227-2980	ASAC DFO, meeting moderator
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6	Georgia	Haverty	(202) 493-0114	DOT Office of the Secretary
7	Paula	Hochstetler	(703) 683-5900	Airport Consultants Council
8	Charles	Johnson	(202) 358-4773	NASA
9	Glenn	Johnson	(724) 838-7136	Victims of Pan Am Flight 103
10	Tim	Kimsey	(206) 433-4610	Airport Law Enforcement Agencies Network
11	Bryan	Kirkes	(202) 406-9613	United States Secret Service
12	Nancy	McKinley	(972) 535-0412	International Airline Passengers Association
13	Carter	Morris	(703) 824-0504	American Association of Airline Executives
14	Rebecca	Morrison	(703) 824-0504	American Association of Airline Executives
15	Jay	Norelius	(214) 868-8008	Coalition of Airline Pilot Associations
16	George	Paul	(703) 358-8063	National Air Carrier Association
17	Ron	Priddy	(703) 358-8061	National Air Carrier Association
18	Brian	Riley	(202) 393-1505	General Aviation Manufacturers Association
19	Michael	Romanowski	(703) 358-1080	Aerospace Industries Association
20	Lynn	Ross	(713) 324-4529	Regional Airline Association
21	George	Trapp	(631) 760-0722	Express Delivery & Logistics
22	Kristen	von KleinSmid	(202) 324-0232	Federal Bureau of Investigation
23	David	Wirsing	(703) 519-9846	Airforwarders Association

Other persons present

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2	Tom	Buckley	(703) 542-1188	Deloitte
3	Jose	Castrillo	(847) 700-3453	United Airlines
4	Jim	Ehrig	(410) 257-9588	Condon & Forsyth
5	Elizabeth	Estremo	(718) 656-1010	Singapore Airlines
6	Rick	Fall	(808) 838-6705	Hawaiian Airlines
7	Mike	Fauser	(713) 324-8301	Continental Air Lines

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11	Tom	Harman	(703) 416-8576	Inside FAA Newsletter
12	Dan	Helfrich	(202) 378-5441	Deloitte
13	Ken	Hughes	(847) 233-7923	DHL Danzas
14	Karen	Jones	(905) 694-5339	Air Canada Cargo
15	Jonathan	Kent	(202) 223-6222	National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Assoc
16	Benjamin	Klein	(571) 227-2694	TSA
17	Robert	Krawiec	(860) 572-9432	Deloitte
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19	Jason	Lund	(703) 336-4652	Deloitte
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26	Michael	Morey	(514) 205-7473	Air Canada
27	Jim	Patton	(202) 282-8266	DHxDHS
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33	Sue	Presti	(703) 998-7121	XLA
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