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ALASKA AIR CARGO ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR SECURITY SCREENING OF SEAFOOD SHIPMENTS

SEATTLE — Alaska Air Cargo today announced it has implemented procedural changes to meet Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requirements for the screening of seafood.

The following changes to seafood shipments will go into effect on Feb. 15, 2010, for freight that is not pre-screened by shippers in the TSA's Certified Cargo Screening Program (CCSP):

- Tender times will increase to four hours prior to departure for all flights to allow additional screening time;
- Security screening surcharges will increase to \$0.04 a pound and will be subject to a \$2 minimum charge per shipment; and
- Seafood boxes requiring security screening must be free from exterior moisture to ensure accurate testing. Wet boxes and containers that have not been pre-screened may be rejected.

Seafood shippers already certified in CCSP will be exempt from the security screening surcharge for pre-screened shipments. In addition, the tender time for CCSP-certified shipments will remain two hours prior to departure. The tender time of four hours prior to departure for freighter shipments also will remain the same.

"We strongly encourage all seafood shippers to consider joining the TSA's Certified Cargo Screening Program," said Joe Sprague, Alaska Air Cargo's vice president. "Receiving certified pre-screened freight is the best way to ensure the most efficient and highest quality shipment of seafood products to market."

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To learn more about the TSA's Certified Cargo Screening Program, visit www.tsa.gov/ccsp or contact TSA representative Marilyn Christiansen at (907) 602-8560.

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