

FIATA

Schaffhauserstr. 104, P.O. Box, CH-8152 Glattbrugg, Switzerland
Tel. +41(0)43 211 65 00, Fax +41(0)43 211 65 65
E-Mail info@fiata.com, Internet <http://www.fiata.com>



FIATA SECRETARIAT

Doc.PR07/10
2007-11-14

Media Information

FIATA opposes the US 100 percent Scanning initiative

The implementation of the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act, including a provision requiring that by 2012 all containers imported into the United States have to be scanned before loaded, is opposed by FIATA.

The disastrous effect on the supply chain of scanning all export containers worldwide is evident. Operations in all port will be unreasonably delayed and result in a significant additional demand for storage capacity. Congestion in ports and in links to the hinterland would increase and become unbearable. Additional port installations will be required to fulfil the US demand for screening every container that will be exported to the US. This will cost millions, or even billions of US Dollars. 100 percent scanning of boxes is simply impossible and would slow down the world trade and be a hindrance to a smooth transport chain.

The freight forwarding industry believes that advance cargo declaration that is already applicable for container shipments to the US land will become applicable for all shipments as from 2009, is together with appropriate intelligence, a much more practical and valuable approach. Additional measures to improve the data available for pre-cargo risk assessment will further strengthen this strategy. Mutual recognition of the various security programmes worldwide such as C-TPAT, AEO and others will also help the security analysis.

FIATA aims at workable security measures with the highest added value for security. We are convinced that our opposition to the 100 percent scanning is shared by the many other involved parties. Simply, the process will implicate cargoes that are "low to no" risk based upon existing vetting systems and consequently create pointless costly and time consuming burdens to international trade.

The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) was founded in Vienna in 1926. Today it is the largest and leading non-governmental organization in the field of transportation, representing 40'000 forwarding and logistics companies employing up to 10 million people in 150 countries. FIATA has consultative status with several United Nations bodies and is recognized by many governmental and private organizations worldwide. The Federation's main objectives are to promote and protect the interests of the freight forwarding industry, to improve the quality of freight forwarding services, to assist with vocational training and to familiarize the business world in particular and the public in general with the wide range services rendered by the industry.



*the global voice of
freight logistics*