

Proposed changes to the Department for Transport Aviation Security

Programme

Due – mid 2009 although accredited training providers who have their training programmes approved between now – August 2008 and July 2009 will start to use the new levels of training.

The familiar levels of aviation security training – 1 through to 4 are to change to 7 levels and re-badged with sequential letters of the alphabet. These changes are necessary to accommodate the need to direct security training at specific levels of employee within the air cargo business.

The proposed changes are:

Old Programme	New Programme Title	Comments
Level 4 General Security Awareness for all staff	Level A – General Awareness Level B – Drivers	Duration of course will still be four hours but drivers will need to be issued with a laminated identity card at the end of the course. Format of the ID card will be formatted by the DFT but the training provider will produce it. This will mean that Level B courses will be slightly more expensive than Level A to accommodate the cost of the ID card production Dan Lee Training has been issuing Driver ID / AVSEC4 cards since 2004. Note – Refresher training is every 2 years
Level 1, 2 or 3	Level C – Aircraft	This will replace Modules 13 and 14 for aircraft searching and cleaning programmes Refresher training every 2 years
Level 1	Level D – Handling / preparation of cargo	More focus on practical exercises and realistic searches during the course Refresher training every 2 years
Level 2	Level E – Screening of cargo Level F – Supervisors	X-Ray course will require more time spent on the machine in the operation Refresher training every 2 years as well as the annual NXCT test for Level E Supervisors must do the X-Ray Module
Level 3	Level G - Managers	This must include X-Ray module especially where manager is in charge of facility where X-Ray is used Refresher every 2 years

In addition the modules within the training programme have been revised and relabelled:

Module 1 Part 1 – General security awareness training (*was the old module 1*)

Module 1 Part 2 – Objectives and organisation of aviation security (*ditto*)

Module 1 Part 3 – Principles of the air cargo regime (*was the old module 2*)

Module 1 Part 4 – Responding to suspicious circumstances (*was the old module 6*)

Module 1 Part 5 – Reacting to threat warnings (*was the old module 11*)

Module 1 Part 6 – Drivers of vehicles (*new module – incorporating elements of old module 2*)

Module 2 – Access control, cargo protection and patrolling controlled areas (*three old modules, 3, 4 & 10 combined together*)

Module 3 – Searching, checking and controlling access to aircraft (*two old modules combined together*)

Module 4 – Recognition of firearms, explosives and action on discovering a prohibited article or suspicious item (*two old modules combined together*)

Module 5 – Methods of concealment – (*same as before*)

Module 6 – Methods of making cargo known (*new module incorporating elements from old modules 8 & 7*)

Module 7 – Using cargo X-Ray equipment (*the old module 8*)

Module 8 - Physical examination including hand search (*the old module 9*)

Module 9 – Security Supervisor (*new module*)

Module 10 – Security Manager (*the old module 12*)

Dan Lee Training is a DfT accredited training provider for Levels, 1, 1 X-Ray, 2 and 4. The Department for Transport have informed us that we shall be required to re-design and configure our training sessions to incorporate the new system and re-submit them for DfT approval in May 2009.

Following a request from one of our major clients we will be seeking to gain approval to provide Level 3 (New level G) training as soon as possible.

Should you have any further questions about the new system or would like to discuss your training needs in detail call Dan on 0780 945 7710.