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Subject: modification of screening procedures for shipments packaged in hermetic containers

Dear regulated agents and exporters,

Following our previous correspondence, particularly the letter dated April 7, 2024, we wish to inform you of significant changes to the transitional measures applicable since April 1, 2024, regarding the screening procedures at the airport for shipments packaged in hermetic containers.

From now on, hermetic packaging with a capacity of up to 5 liters is no longer subject to the provisional rule of sending a questionnaire. This extension up to 5 liters aims to simplify procedures and reduce the administrative burden for exporters.

We also remind you that shipments packaged in containers between more than 5 liters and up to 25 liters can continue to be screened at the airport, provided they are not opaque to X-rays.

Furthermore, to allow you to adapt to the new requirements, the transitional period initially planned is extended until December 31, 2024. This extension offers you more time to implement the necessary changes in your internal procedures, including obtaining known consignor status if you decide to apply for it.

To assist you in this process, we are providing a presentation support, the regulatory framework, and a list of questions and answers (these documents are in French). You can consult them on the Ministry's website by following this link:

<https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/politiques-publiques/envois-emballes-contenants-hermetiques>

We inform you that the European Commission has approved the principle of amending the European regulation regarding the control rules for shipments packaged in hermetic containers. An agreement on the detailed content of the modifications is yet to be reached. This approval reinforces our common commitment to maintaining safety levels while ensuring uniform treatment across the European Union.

The French civil Aviation is at your disposal for any further information at the following address:

dsac-surete-fret-bf@aviation-civile.gouv.fr

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.
Best regards,

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Annex: Summary table presenting the methods of screening drums according to drum capacity and expiration date.

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	Before April 01, 2024	With DGAC authorization	Without DGAC authorization	Starting from January 01, 2025
		01/04/2024 => 31/12/2024	01/04/2024 => 31/12/2024	
≤ 5 L	XRY ou EDD	XRY ou EDD Autorisation non requise	XRY ou EDD	XRY ou EDD
> 5 L et ≤ 25 L	XRY or EDD	XRY or EDD	XRY	XRY
> 25 L	XRY ou EDD	XRY ou EDD	KC or Logistic RA (3PL) (If the exporter resorts to a 3PL) or NO FLIGHT	KC or Logistic RA (3PL) (If the exporter resorts to a 3PL) or NO FLIGHT

The quantities indicated above refer to each hermetic container.

XRY : X-ray screening for shipments not opaque to X-ray imaging

EDD : screening by explosive detection dog – free running or rest

RA : regulated agent

KC Known consignor

3PL : third party logistic