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SPAAL Submission - Inquiry into an Australian Standard for the training and use of privately contracted security and detection dogs

We refer to your letter dated 7 November, 2019 advising of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement inquiry into the development and introduction of an Australian Standard in relation to the training and use of privately contracted security and detection dogs.

The Security Providers Association of Australia Limited (SPAAL), is a national security industry association and an approved security industry association, providing industry education, compliance and business services. The SPAAL is committed to building a professional, ethical, reliable and well respected security industry for the future and has in place strategic planning and other initiatives to consolidate this commitment and promulgate its corporate objectives on behalf of the membership.

The SPAAL is a nominating organisation with Standards Australia and is involved in the development of standards for the security industry. There is currently a standard proposal entitled "National Standards for Private Sector Patrol and Detection Dogs". The proposal is awaiting approval by Standards Australia to proceed to committee for development of a standard. The proposed standard is based on adopting the British Standards Institute (BSI) standard to cover Private Security Patrol Dogs, Private Security Explosive Detection Dogs, Private Security Bio-Security Dogs and Initial and Continuation Training.

Currently private security and detection dog providers develop their own training standards and procedures for the dogs based on a mix of overseas standards. Security Dog handlers under State/Territory security legislation are required to hold a security license requiring training qualification <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/CPPSEC3113>

The development of a recognized standard would see significant benefits through a range of service improvements where dogs are used in Counter Terrorism Risk Management (explosive detection dogs), property crime and street safety (security patrol dogs). In relation to biosecurity, the project will provide a standard that will assist in the prevention of dangerous species entering Australia which could pose a potential threat to public health and safety. Private sector detection dogs provide an incremental resource that can supplement law enforcement services in this space ensuring these services are delivered to a measurable standard will increase public confidence and security.

In regard to explosive detection for cargo, we have attached one document from Secureflight and MSA Security US. MSA are the leading explosive detection dog trainers in the USA and are the only supplier to have TSA USA accreditation. Secureflight New Zealand are currently doing explosive detection in New Zealand in conjunction with MSA and Secureflight Australia will be undertaking inspections under the standard in the future.

We understand that the TSA Standard - Use of Explosive Detection Dogs (EDDs) as a Primary Screening Measure will soon be an international mandatory requirement for the inspection of cargo.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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MSA- SECUREFLIGHT LTD OVERVIEW FOR SPAAL AUSTRALIAN SUBMISSION EXPLOSIVE DETECTOR DOGS & THIRD PARTY DETECTOR DOGS. JANUARY 2020.

In late 2018, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) rolled out approved legislation permitting the air cargo industry to utilize third-party Explosive Detection Canines (EDC) as an approved screening option. This Federal security mandate requires explosive screening for 100% of cargo shipped on passenger aircrafts. This major industry development finally answered a growing demand for qualified canine teams and followed several years of debate regarding feasibility and funding. MSA subject matter experts have proudly worked alongside key stakeholders and the agency since 2010 to develop the Third-Party Explosive Detection Canine Program (3PK9 CCSP).

It's been a milestone year for the aviation industry – and for MSA Security. **Today marks the one-year anniversary** of MSA becoming a TSA-approved Certified Cargo Screening Facility Canine (CCSP-K9) company. Over the last 12 months, MSA has deployed dozens of its EDC teams, known as Windsor Teams, into TSA-regulated environments. Currently, 150 of MSA's more than 650 global Windsor Teams are specially trained and prepared for air cargo industry deployment. And, more than 80 of those teams are TSA-certified and deployed at over 40 regulated sites.

The Right Fit for Cargo Screening

Simply put, there is no machine or technology that stacks up to a properly imprinted and trained canine when it comes to explosive detection. Canines offer versatility and cost savings in air cargo sort and freight environments and remain the safest, most effective and operationally efficient tool for cargo screening for several reasons.

- **Unmatched Ability to Identify Explosive Odors:** With a keen sense of smell, bomb dogs have a unique ability to sniff out odors in parts-per-trillion and they smell in layers, allowing them to recognize and discern an individual explosive ingredient even when masked by other odors.
- **Expedient and Unobtrusive:** A canine can screen a typical ULD in minutes, with little to no business disruption, unlike even the most sophisticated screening technology, which can take hours.
- **Full Container Screening Capabilities:** Shipment types that prove challenging for conventional screening methods are swept quickly and efficiently by an EDC team who can work around even the most cumbersome pallet, container or ULD without the need to break down to the piece level.

Value Put in Practice

The benefits and impact of canine screening are clearly demonstrated in MSA's partnership with DHL Global Forwarding. Following a successful 2016 pilot that began in anticipation of the TSA 3PK9 rollout and one of the first of its kind, this partnership is now in its third successful year. Results are consistent with those of the Pentagon research project from the early 2000s – canine screening is more than ten times as efficient as other methods, including X-ray and explosive trace detection.

"After the successful pilot, there was no question as to the value. We deployed Windsor Teams as a secondary layer of screening and waited for the official launch of TSA's 3PK9 Program. Just after that, MSA became certified as a CCSP-K9 provider and we seamlessly transitioned to using canines as the primary method of screening," explains Timothy Upham, Security and Operational Resilience, Head of the TSA Program for DHL Global Forwarding.

“Today, we have Windsor Teams deployed at many of our sites throughout the country and look forward to expanding this partnership to enhance operations and stay ahead of emerging threats,” he concludes.



Anthony & Payton, Photo Credit: Cameron Karsen for DPDHL Group

Windsor Team Anthony and Payton are one of the teams deployed across the 15 DGF sites nationwide. Like every Windsor Team, they are required to meet rigorous TSA CCSP-K9 standards which began with imprintation and training at our facility in Windsor, CT; one of MSA’s six ATF-licensed training facilities. Every team receives training on all five families of explosives and homemade explosives (HMEs)

With imprintation as an essential foundation for every explosive detection canine, MSA Windsor Teams deployed in a regulated air cargo environment train on high explosives every 30 days, keeping them at the top of their game. MSA’s final operational phase of training is a critical differentiator that determines the success of a team in the field. Here, training is fine tuned to best match the anticipated cargo setting, including the express model, freight forwarder environments and more.

Value Added Partnerships

To further separate MSA from competitors, the company established a strategic partnership for CCSP-K9 compliance. Cargo Matrix, an industry leader with over 20 years of experience developed a robust technology platform that maximizes screening compliance efficiencies in accordance with TSA regulations. This reliable, cloud-based solution automates compliance requirements, streamlines workflow and helps eliminate cumbersome manual record keeping. Clients benefit from transparency, accuracy, peace of mind and measurable performance metrics ensuring compliance across their cargo screening operations.

The View Down the Runway

With 3PK9 well underway and aviation an ongoing international security priority, MSA remains at the forefront of the industry and is committed to meeting new demands. This includes an expanding international footprint with offices and training facilities in key global markets, the continued enhancement of solutions and the onboarding of proven subject matter experts.

MSA remains engaged with the industry, sharing valuable insight and expertise. As just one example, MSA maintains its membership in the Air forwarders Association, whose Executive Director, Brandon Fried, notes, "Security is a top concern for members of our association. Approximately 78 million tons of cargo was shipped in 2018 and regulations require 100% of that cargo to be screened for explosives. We are excited to have an experienced and validated provider like MSA Security join our association. MSA was a critical participant in the implementation of TSA's third-party canine screening program and is sure to enhance our preparation for 2021 ICAO mandates as well."