



Technical Bulletin: Air Cargo Security Technology Program

To: Regulated Parties Using ETD Systems to Screen Air Cargo

Topic: Update on Single View X-Ray Grandfathering

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The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Requirements and Capability Analysis (RCA) Air Cargo Security Technology Program (ACSTP) issues technical bulletins to the Air Cargo Community to convey technical guidance and information as it relates to screening technology. This guidance and information is intended to supplement the guidance in the TSA Air Cargo Screening Technology List (ACSTL).

Purpose

The purpose of this technical bulletin is to inform regulated parties and their authorized representatives that, at this time, TSA does not intend to change the grandfathering date for the single view X-Ray devices (now referred to as Visual Image devices), which remains as December 31, 2020.

Guidance

In December 2014, TSA published Technical Bulletin 018, which stated that all single view X-Rays will be grandfathered on December 31, 2020. At this time, TSA does not anticipate changing this grandfathering date due to the following considerations:

- 1) TSA provided a 6-year advanced notification of the single view X-Ray grandfathering date to regulated parties and their authorized representatives, and
- 2) Single view X-Ray systems do not have the same level of detection capability as compared to that of dual/multi view X-Ray systems.

As per existing TSA processes and procedures, TSA will only entertain waiver requests on a case by case basis.

Waiver applicants should expect to provide appropriate documentation of their good faith efforts to replace single view X-Ray systems. This effort must have taken place prior to February 1, 2020, a date which TSA selected in order to provide vendors with a generous grace period. In determining waivers, TSA will take into consideration any production or shipping delays for systems ordered by that date. TSA encourages an early submission of waiver requests and will not accept any requests after November 1, 2020.

To request the single view X-Ray waiver form and related instructions from TSA, please email

OSC_CMAC@TSA.DHS.gov.