

To whom it may concern

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Important changes of the RAS-Cargo and REST procedure from 01.04.2024 in France

With regard to the changes to the RAS-Cargo / REST procedure announced by the French aviation security authority DSAC, German companies using the REST procedure in France should apply for approval from the French civil aviation authority DGAC from April 1, 2024 in order to be able to continue participating in the procedure.

The shipper should apply for this authorization approximately 30 days before the next use of the methods in order to receive it in time.

We recommend that you complete the attached application form and send it to the following e-mail address (dsac-surete-fret-bf@aviation-civile-gouv.fr) as soon as possible.

According to current information, the RAS/Rest procedure will end in France on 01.09.2024. The authorities have not yet announced how consignments and containers of 25 liters or more, which cannot be secured in Germany for various reasons, may be secured after this date.

For a better understanding:

The following types of freight cannot be secured using the methods permitted in Germany and therefore cannot be transported by air:

- These are, for example, barrels with liquids or chemicals, or airtight packages with powder.
- These are often too large for X-ray inspection or they trigger a dark alarm during the X-ray. This means that the contents cannot be checked with the X-ray machine.
- As they are airtight, explosives detection dogs are also not permitted for this type of freight in Germany.

For these types of freight, German shippers often switch to France for security. There, the freight can be made secure using a special procedure (RAS/REST procedure) and then transported as air freight.

This means that the freight is transported to France by land for air freight inspection. There it will be secured and then be shipped as air freight.

This is the REST procedure, also known as RAS Cargo. It is prohibited in Germany, but is currently still permitted in France.

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