

The Threat from Within

JAMAICA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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THE PROBLEM

- One of the major threats to Jamaica's border security is the transshipment of narcotics. Security trends shifted to explosives post September 11, 2001 (9/11) given the threat to air safety from acts of terrorism.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

- ⦿ The Civil Aviation Act (2004),
- ⦿ The Civil Aviation Regulations, (2004)
- ⦿ Dangerous Drug Act (1948);
- ⦿ The Custom Act (1941);
- ⦿ and the US Customs Service Super Carrier Agreement with Steamship Lines and Airlines (1995)

INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

- ICAO Annex 17
- ICAO Annex 9
- UN Convention Against Illicit Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988)

THREAT

- ◎ incident reports received from Air Operators at MBJ Airports Ltd for the period 2007 to 2010 of the 23 reported incidents
- ◎ 57% have evidence of staff collusion; of that amount 61% were interdicted at the port of disembarkation.

THREAT

- ◎ Contract Security; Handling Agents; Air Operator Staff, Port Security Staff and Canine Officers have all been implicated or suspected in facilitating the movement of narcotics to and through the International Airports.

COUNTERMEASURES

- ⦿ Increased Security Background Checks at recruitment and post employment
- ⦿ subject to annual security and financial background checks;
- ⦿ successfully complete district constable training;
- ⦿ successfully complete a screener certification course;
- ⦿ randomly swabbed for dangerous drugs

COUNTERMEASURES

- ◎ agree to take periodic lie detection tests.
- ◎ Receive awareness training of the dangerous drug offences and imprisonment terms.
- ◎ Airports increase the awareness of its passengers on the dangerous drug fines and terms of imprisonment.

WAY FORWARD