

Expect more from your ULD!

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There are two clear messages I would like to address for you, the airlines and operators.

1) Expect more development and changes within the ULD industry.

2) Expect more from your suppliers and the equipment you use.



Regulatory Change

- ULD is now being taken seriously as aircraft safety equipment
- EASA & FAA have now agreed to work towards TSO's for all structural parts.
 - > C172 for Straps
 - C90d for Pallet Nets
 - > New TSO's for Cargo Stoppers
 - > NAS3610 has been replaced by AS36100
 - EASA, FAA and CAAC are now working together more and more adjusting to global realities of our truly global business.



The change in the role of a ULD

There is a big step change for the ULD industry.

- No longer just standard size units for restraint and containerization.
- ULD's are lighter yet stronger
- ULD's now protect cargo from temperature fluctuation.
- ULD's also protect aircraft from cargo fires.



Environmental considerations

Production

- Transport less material per unit
- Braid and construct lighter materials on nets
- Coat less material on nets
- Less scrap to the landfills



After life

- Less material waste per net
- Longer lifetime of nets, less unit waste/year
- Nets with certain materials can be used as fuel source

Vital to Business not just a nice to have PR topic!



In Service

- Less repairs = fewer nets in-service
- Every net saves weight per net, per flight
- Improved Health & Ergonomics

The increased H&S benefits for all employees who come into contact with ULD's is tangible.

- Weight Reduction
- Safer Products
- Published Handling Procedures
- Improved Training
- Fire Protection



Health & Safety

- You need engineering teams to consider all aspects of use, including:
 - Intensive Testing
 - Service Experience
 - Training
 - Good CMM's
 - Good Labelling



Our Expectations of the Industry

Yes or NO.....

- Are ULD operated according to best business practices and in compliance with regulations?
- Does the entire air cargo industry recognize the value of ULD ?
- Do senior management recognize the contribution of ULD to modern airline operations ?



Summery - Expect more from your ULD!

ULD has moved on with innovative exciting products being regularly introduced.

- Regulatory bodies working together more now than ever before.
- IATA working hard to support our products raising the profile of ULD
- A greater understanding of the Environment when designing and manufacturing ULD's.
- A much greater awareness of the H & S of our customers when using our products.



All of this leads us to a sector of the industry which is becoming much more innovative and exciting, with massive potential.

What's coming next ?

