

Hold-baggage screening

CATSA uses advanced-explosive detection technologies, such as computed tomography (CT) X-ray, to screen 62 million checked bags each year. Baggage screening is done according to regulations set out by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

When a suspicious item is spotted during screening, the bag goes through various levels of inspection. If a physical search is required, the passenger is paged and taken to a private room to witness the baggage being checked by a screening officer.

CATSA is currently replacing its equipment and aligning its Hold-baggage screening system with its international partners specifically the TSA and the European Union. By phasing non-CT Technology, such as non CT X-ray, CATSA will ensure that its system remains compatible with international standards. Alignment with the TSA will eliminate the need to re-screen checked baggage arriving from Canada, streamlining the process for passengers connecting through a U.S. hub.

