

UAE tightens security measures on shipments arriving from specific countries

General Civil Aviation Authority announced on Thursday that the additional security measures will affect all shipments arriving from specific countries to the country's airports

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Dubai: Cargo shipments from Yemen to the UAE have been embargoed, *Gulf News* has learnt.

Most airline and cargo operators serving on this route have confirmed this.

The UAE General Civil Aviation Authority announced yesterday the tight security measures will affect all shipments arriving from specific countries to airports across the country.

This announcement comes after the authorities discovered explosives in a package at a FedEx facility at Dubai airport last week. The package was shipped on a flight arriving from Yemen.

"The UAE retains its right in taking extra precautionary measures according to the country's supreme interest in the field of civil aviation, to avoid any illegal interference and the recurrence of past threats," Saif Mohammad Al Suwaidi, Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority, was quoted in a WAM report Thursday.

Emirates airline has placed a cargo embargo on all shipments from Yemen bound for the US, the UK, France and Germany, according to an Emirates spokesperson.

However, cargo from these destinations can still go to Yemen.

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