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Advance Passenger Information

• API involves a government receiving data about travellers in advance of their arrival into the country
• This can include information about passengers, crew and transit travellers
• API can be used for immigration, security and customs purposes

API Benefits

• Benefits of API include
  – Enhanced border security
  – Increased passenger facilitation
  – Administrative benefits for government
  – Development and maintenance of relationships with stakeholders, such as airlines

Implementing API

• Requires consideration and planning
  – Legislation and policy
  – Strong internal and external agency relationships
  – Reliable and secure border management system
  – Skilled staff and support processes

Australia’s API

• Advance Passenger Processing
  – Passenger details are checked against DIMA systems prior to boarding
  – Expected Movement Records are created
  – Prompt processing for cleared passengers

Australia’s API
Australia’s API Support

- **Airline Liaison Officers**
  - Assist airline officers in screening Australia-bound travellers at last points of embarkation
  - 20 officers in 15 locations assist airline staff & immigration officials

- **Entry Operation Centre (24 x 7)**
  - Contact point for airlines and maritime industry

APEC API Feasibility Studies

- The study process involves
  - Study visit to eligible economies and analysis of information collected
  - Discussion of report with economy
  - Formal presentation of report
  - Confidentiality of report and recommendations

APEC API Feasibility Studies

- Study visits have occurred in Thailand, Indonesia, Chile, Korea, Chinese Taipei, the Philippines, China, Vietnam and Brunei
- Technical assistance has been provided to Hong Kong (China)
- Capacity for further studies

API Around the World

- The following have implemented or stated an intention to implement API
  - Australia
  - New Zealand
  - the United States
  - Japan
  - Hong Kong (China)
  - Korea
  - Canada
  - Mexico
  - Thailand
  - Chinese Taipei
  - Malaysia (seaports only)
  - Fiji
  - Samoa
  - Kingdom of Bahrain
  - United Arab Emirates

Summary

- For best results, economies wishing to implement API should
  - Undertake strong planning, including adhering to APEC API standards
  - Ensure stakeholder cooperation
  - Cooperate with other economies in the region