Advance Passenger Information Alignment, Cooperation, Efficiency

Purpose: Information
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Alignment, Cooperation, Efficiency

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Requirements in early 2000

Part of the IATA Passenger Data Toolkit
PASSENGER DATA – WHAT IS IT?

Electronic data concerning passengers’ identity (API) or travel reservations (PNR) which is used by public authorities for border control.
API helps identify people you know about.
For instance: people on a watchlist

PNR helps identify people you don’t know about.
For instance: suspicious travel patterns

ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION (API)
Information about a person’s identity.
- API can be useful for:
  - Immigration
  - Customs
  - Security
KEY PRINCIPLES

“ACE” stands for
• **Alignment** with standards
• **Cooperation** with industry and other States (data protection)
• **Efficiency**: necessary data only

GLOBAL STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

- **Standards and Recommended Practices** for API, iAPI and PNR
- **Guidelines** for transmission of API and interactive API including list of data elements
- **Guidelines** for transmission of PNR including list of data elements (ICAO Doc. 9944)
BENEFITS OF STANDARD TRANSMISSION

- Faster implementation
- Better compliance
- Cost control
- Reliable data
- Minimum impact on airport infrastructure

HOW TO SET UP A PASSENGER DATA EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- Determine your needs - Is the data necessary?
- Familiarize yourself with global standards
- Include stakeholders early
- Approach foreign States for any data protection issues
- Check that appropriate legislation is in place
- Seek assistance from experts
- Cooperate and remain flexible
LEAD TIME FOR API

For standard API, airlines need at least 3 to 6 months to

- Configure systems incl. peripheral systems like internet check-in and self-service kiosks
- Test connectivity
- Train staff

COST AND FUNDING

Heavy costs of
- Capturing
- Formatting
- Transmitting data

API is a border security requirement. States should not charge airlines (or passengers) in a bid to subsidize their own development costs.

Costs of systems development
- Interactive API is a sophisticated system that requires particularly heavy investment
IATA’s Recommendations to APEC:

1. **Member Economies to consider** “Alignment, Cooperation, Efficiency” before considering new API programs

2. **Member Economies to promote** new online educational Toolkit (available Nov) with their national border control authorities

3. **Member Economies to attend Regional Workshops**: Asia-Pacific “API-PNR Day” on 20 Nov 2013, Singapore (TBC)

4. **APEC to express support** for the ICAO-WCO-IATA Campaign

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**IATA’s Recommendations to APEC**: can provide **ASSISTANCE and EXPERTISE**

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