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PNRGOV MESSAGE

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 A new message standard for the transfer of Passenger Name Records (PNR) data from aircraft operators to Contracting States called PNRGOV has been developed by an IATA working group (PNRGOV Working Group), consisting of officials from several Contracting States, airlines and service providers.

1.2 This information paper provides additional information on the PNRGOV message and the implementation of the PNRGOV message by a number of Contracting States.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The PNRGOV message has been developed by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), along with officials from several Contracting States, airlines and service providers (the “PNRGOV Working Group”). The PNRGOV message allows airlines to provide Passenger Name Record (PNR) data in a standard message for transmission to Contracting States.

2.2 At its latest (the 6th) meeting held at WCO Headquarters in Brussels from 11-12 October 2012, the WCO API Contact Committee (see FALP7-IP/12) adopted the PNRGOV message format (Version 12.1) as the agreed format for such data exchange. The approval of ICAO’s Secretary General will be sought by end-2012, for the purpose of ensuring global harmonization, to incorporate the use of the PNRGOV message format within its Doc 9944 – *Guidelines for Passenger Name Record (PNR) Data*.

2.3 The PNRGOV Working Group has developed two primary documents to be used by Contracting States and carrier system developers, to help guide and provide clarification when States begin developing systems to receive PNRGOV messages and for carriers systems to develop proper message format for delivery to such States.

2.4 The two documents are the PNRGOV Principles Document and the PNRGOV Implementation Guide:

- a) The *PNRGOV Principles Document* is intended to provide guidance for implementing the PNRGOV message. The purpose of the document is to clearly define the business requirements, functional requirements and the underlying principles for the PNRGOV message. It is to provide relevant information, in conjunction with the implementation guide, to ensure a consistent approach to overall implementation. It will also identify, where necessary, any bilateral agreements that need to be implemented for the usage of the PNRGOV message. ICAO Document 9944 *Guidelines on Passenger Name Record (PNR) data* establishes uniform measures for PNR data transfer and the subsequent handling of these data by the States concerned. They specify that the requirement for such transfer should be governed by explicit legal provisions; and;
- b) The *PNRGOV Implementation Guide* describes the recommended usage of the PNRGOV message. The Implementation Guide consists of a number of sections outlining message relationships, message structure, service segments, data segments, examples, States' legal requirements and appendices.

2.5 The PNRGOV Working Group comprises representatives from airlines, Contracting States and service providers. Any interested parties seeking to implement the PNRGOV message are welcome to join the Working Group.

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