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ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION (API): IMPLEMENTATION BY STATES
- South Africa Experience

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API implementation

- South Africa is using interactive API for about 10 years
- The Department of Home Affairs (Responsible for Immigration) i the custodian of the system
- The information is received from about 40 airlines and +/-12 million passengers
- The information is processed through the automated system with the option to deny or accept a passenger
- A 24 hour Operational Center validates all hits

API implementation (*Cont.*)

- Weekly and monthly monitoring is also conducted
- API information is shared with other agencies such as the Police and State Security
- The business rules built into the system allows us to run a numbe of checks
- Failure to adhere by airlines attracts penalties

Challenges

- Are only with regards to crew lists which are sometimes not updated
- This is a result of crew management systems being centrally operated from countries of origin

Benefits

- Ability to check validity of Passports
- Ability to conduct risk analysis
- Ability to prevent offenders form entering the country
- Risk can be analyzed and shared with other states
- Beneficial to both security and facilitation
- Ensures a seamless efficient processing of Passengers

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