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What is Advance Passenger Information?

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Advance Passenger Information (API) – How is it used?

01 Provides information about a person's identity.

02 Helps identify people you know about. For instance, people on a watchlist.

03 **Border Integrity:** Helps to improve border control and to combat irregular immigration more effectively.

04 **Facilitation:** Leads to a faster processing of bona fide travelers and improves citizens' perception of security.



Advance Passenger Information (API) – International Standards and Guidance Materials

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Aviation: Annex 9 – *Facilitation:*

• **Standard 9.1**

- Standard 9.5
- Standard 9.7
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The State shall not require aircraft operators to provide non-standard data elements as part of API messages.



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The State's API requirements shall be underpinned by an appropriate legal framework and be consistent with internationally recognized standards for API.

Those international standards:

- WCO/IATA/ICAO API Guidelines
- UN/EDIFACT PAXLST message standards and relevant implementation guides
- ICAO Doc 9303 Guidelines on Machine Readable Travel Documents



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The State's shall only require data elements that are available in the Machine Readable Zone of the travel document when specifying the identifying information on passengers to be transmitted.



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- Air carriers should only be required to transfer API data to one government agency which acts as the Passenger Data Single Window
- Only one government agency should be responsible for carrier engagement, connectivity, relationship management and non-compliance
- Once the State receives API data through the Passenger Data Single Window it must share it with all public authorities with a legal remit to make use of the data



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