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Passenger Data: Identification of Travellers and Risk Assessment

Pre-Travel Checks: Use of Interactive API Systems

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Experience of the United Kingdom

Evolution of Passenger Checks

- **On arrival ("who has travelled?"):** no notice (1970s), paper-based (1980s/1990s)

- **In advance of arrival ("who is travelling?"):** paper-based (1990s), electronic batch API (from 2004)

- **In advance of departure ("who is intending to travel?"):** electronic batch API (from 2012), electronic iAPI (from 2013)

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Evolution of Passenger Checks

Authority to Carry ("No Fly") Scheme

- non-British individuals intending to fly to the UK (2012)

- all individuals intending to fly to and from the UK (2015)

Authority to Carry Scheme 2021

- the UK may refuse aircraft operators authority to carry to the UK individuals subject of UN Travel Sanctions; excluded or previously deported from the UK; whose visa has been cancelled or revoked, or travel document has been reported lost, stolen or revoked...

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Evolution of Passenger Checks

Authority to Carry ("No Fly") Scheme: iAPI Customs Response (CUSRES) Messages

- 0Z – Authority to Carry Granted. Boarding Pass may be issued.

- 1Z – Authority to Carry Refused. Do not issue boarding pass.

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Evolution of Passenger Checks

Universal Permission to Travel (to the UK)

- Starting from 2023 all individuals intending to travel to the UK must possess a valid permission to travel

- British and Irish nationals may demonstrate their permission with a valid British or Irish passport

- Nationals who must obtain a visa to visit the UK will have a physical visa vignette or, increasingly, a digital only e-visa

- Nationals who do not require a visa to visit the UK will start to require a digital only Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

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Evolution of Passenger Checks

Universal Permission to Travel (to the UK): iAPI Customs Response (CUSRES) Messages

- 0A – Valid Permission to Travel. Boarding Pass may be issued.

- 0B – No record of Valid Permission to travel.

- 0P – Decision Pending.

- 1Z – Authority to Carry Refused. Do not issue boarding pass.

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Evolution of Passenger Checks

Health-Related Checks for Travel (to the UK)

- At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, travellers to the UK were required to complete an online Passenger Locator Form (PLF), to possess notification of a negative test result and to demonstrate their vaccination status.

- Aircraft operators were required to ensure that arriving passengers met the passenger information requirement and to keep a record of the steps taken to comply with the requirement.

- All health-related travel requirements on travel to the UK were lifted on 18 March 2022.

Evolution of Passenger Checks

Health-Related Checks for Travel (to the UK)

- By early 2022 the UK had developed a concept for health-related checks to be undertaken using iAPI meaning operators would not undertake manual checks routinely.

- Because restrictions on travellers to the UK were lifted, the solution was not deployed in live operation – but the capability is retained as a contingency for a future health-related instance.

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Health-Related Checks for Travel (to the UK): iAPI Customs Response (CUSRES) Messages

- 0Q – Valid permission to travel. Health exemption declared.
- 0H – Valid permission to travel. No health declaration.
- 0I   – Valid permission to travel. No health test result.
- 0J   – Valid permission to travel. No vaccination.
- 0K – Valid permission to travel. No vaccination or test result.

- 0F   – No permission to travel. Health exemption declared.
- 0G – No permission to travel. No health declaration.
- 0U – No permission to travel. No health test result.
- 0V – No permission to travel. No vaccination.
- 0Y – No permission to travel. No vaccination or test result.

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Evolution of Passenger Checks

iAPI Customs Response (CUSRES) Messages Travel

- Pressing need for international standard for CUSRES messages.

Biometric Checks for Travel (in advance of travel)…

- Passengers' digital travel credentials and biometric details checked and verified in advance of travel….

- Facilitated pre-departure by port operators and aircraft operators, undertaken remotely by border control authorities at destination.

- **"Knowing who is intending to travel"**

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