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Principles for Passenger Data Transmission

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Aviation: moving the world

- Air travel delivers global mobility
- 3.2 billion passengers
 - 9 million people flying per day
- Carries 35% by value of global trade
 - Goods worth US\$ 6.4 trillion
- Wider social and economic benefits
- Committed to sustainable growth
- Outstanding safety record





Asia Pacific

- Diverse geographic region
- Home to more than 4 billion people
 - 57% of the world's population
- Dynamic economies generate 31% of global GDP
- Wide range of income levels, rapidly growing middle class
- Aviation widely recognised as a key contributor to economic and social development
- Political diversity remains challenging: need for multilateral cooperation

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Asia Pacific Aviation



US\$173 billion revenue

US\$2 billion net profit

1,078 million passengers

767 million domestic

311 million international

17 million tonnes of cargo

6,268 aircraft

Asia Pacific carriers overall market share:

31% of global passenger traffic

40% of global cargo traffic

Data: Financials: 2013 Estimates, Traffic & Fleet: 2014 Estimates



Why API?



- Every State has the sovereign right to secure its borders
- Volume of passenger traffic has increased
- Enhanced border control measures in light of perceived heightened threats to national security
- Internationally recognised standard for passenger processing and enhanced security (ICAO, WCO, IATA)



API Implementation

- Variety of API systems worldwide
- Multiplicity of data elements demanded by different governments
- Even with ICAO/IATA/WCO guidelines, there are still requests for non-standard elements
- Requests of "overflying" reporting



API Implementation



- Multiple agencies requesting for data
 - Customs
 - > Immigration
 - Police / Law Enforcement Bodies

Single Window transmission is encouraged





"Your recent Amazon purchases, Tweet score and location history makes you 23.5% welcome here."



Issues

- Privacy concerns
 - Length of Data Retention period
 - Location of servers



Carriers may find themselves in positions of conflict with local or foreign laws, including privacy laws

- Airlines are global business with multiple challenges
 - > Legal risks associated with collecting, using, and transmitting personal data for commercial purposes
 - Meeting government-imposed transmission requirements for border security



API Costs

- Costs of implementing API
 - Heavy investment
 - > System modification
 - Data Capture
 - **Transmission**

Penalties





ICAO Guidance



- ICAO's Policies on Charges for Airports and Air Navigation Services states that:
 - "Civil aviation should not be charged for any costs that would be incurred for more general security functions performed by States such as general policing, intelligence gathering and national security."
- Some countries have sought to recover costs of API implementation from airlines/passengers



Infrastructure



- Aviation infrastructure must keep pace with rapid traffic growth
- Chronic congestion and delays already evident in some areas
- Greater focus on operating efficiency, productivity and cost-effectiveness
- Government responsibility to coordinate planning and long term investment required
- Industry ready to play its part

Infrastructure is critically important





Future Growth



Some closing thoughts



- Internationally recognised standards and recommended practices should be practised
- Systems to be effective, accurate, and reliable, with quick response times, and seek to minimise impact on passenger processing times
- Avoid duplication of processes
- Refrain from imposing punitive penalties on airlines for non-compliance, and consider only administrative, not criminal, measures to enforce compliance



It's all about Passengers



- Air travellers are faced with lengthy processing times at airports
- New technologies should facilitate speedier processing
- Need for government and industry collaboration to streamline the travel experience, including smoother handling of disruptions

Balancing national border control objectives and efficient passenger facilitation





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