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Passenger Name Record (PNR) Data

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PNR: OVERVIEW



1. What is PNR & Why States want it?
2. PNR data: When collected? What is Collected?
3. DOC 9944: ICAO PNR Guidelines
4. PNRGOV
5. PNR: Regulatory Framework

1. WHAT IS PNR?



PNR is

the common name given to records created by aircraft operators or their authorized agents for each journey booked by or on behalf of any passenger. The data are used by operators . . . in providing air transportation services. PNR built up by data supplied for all segments of a passenger's journey.



1. WHY STATES WANT PNR DATA?

- ▶ improve clearance at border controls
- ▶ risk management purposes
- ▶ combat illegal migration
- ▶ identify passengers who are a known immigration or security threat
- ▶ more effective allocation of border control and law enforcement resources

1. WHY STATES WANT PNR DATA?



- ▶ improve/enhance security (generally) & aviation security (in particular)
- ▶ threat assessment value from analysis of data
- ▶ fight against terrorism

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2. WHEN PNR DATA COLLECTED?



When is PNR data collected?

Captured months/ weeks/ days in advance of flight; systems of sales agents, airlines, other entities

2. PNR: WHAT IS COLLECTED?



What PNR data is collected?

106 (approx.) elements of data

▶ API Data [38 / 106]

▶ 102 / 106 → PNR

2. PNR: WHAT IS COLLECTED?

(Possible) PNR Data Elements

- ▶ MRTD details (10-15)
- ▶ Contact details (6)
- ▶ Passenger/crew flight details (66+)
- ▶ Payment details (~4)
- ▶ Other information (~4)
- ▶ Data related to aircraft flight (9)



2. PNR: WHAT IS COLLECTED?

(Possible) PNR Data Elements

▶ Contact details (6)

- Primary residence address ●
- Destination address ●
- Passenger contact telephone number ●
- Email address ●
- Emergency contact ●
- Mailing address ●

2. PNR: WHAT IS COLLECTED?

(Possible) PNR Data Elements

Passenger/crew flight details (66+)

- Traveller's status (Passenger, Crew, In-transit) ●
- Passenger Ref Number (e.g. Frequent flyer number) ●
- Number of passengers on PNR ●
- Layover days ●
- One-way ticket ●
- Seat requested in advance ●
- Checked bag quantity ● (av. only after flight close-out)
- Check-in security number ● (after flight close-out)
- SSR (Special Service Requirement) ●
- General remarks ●

2. PNR: WHAT IS COLLECTED?



(Possible) PNR Data Elements

▶ Payment details (~4)

- Billing address

All Form Of Payment info.: cash, electronic, credit card number and expiry date, prepaid ticket advice (PTA), exchange

▶ Other information (~4)

- Name of person making the booking

- Travel agent information

▶ Data related to aircraft flight (9)

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3. DOC 9944

- ▶ **Meaning** of PNR; Why States want access
- ▶ **Data elements**; Processing of data
- ▶ **Filtering & storage** of PNR data
- ▶ **Data protection; security and integrity of data**
- ▶ What PNRs should **NOT** contain
- ▶ **Sensitive** data
- ▶ **Laws & regulations**
- ▶ **Methods** of PNR data transfer
- ▶ Frequency, timing of data transfer
- ▶ Transparency & **Passenger Redress**
- ▶ **Conflict of laws** between States
- ▶ **Obligation** of airlines to provide data

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4. PNRGOV



- ▶ Technical specifications for API: Paxlst Message
- ▶ Technical specifications for PNR transmission:
PNRGOV (EDIFACT) Message
- ▶ IATA/ATA Passenger and Airport Data Interchange Standards (**PADIS**) Reservations Sub-Group
- ▶ API CC Endorsement (October 2012)

4. PNRGOV



PNRGOV Message Implementation Guide

- 1.** Passenger & Airport Data Interchange Standards:
EDIFACT Implementation Guide PNR Data Pushed to States or other Authorities – PNRGOV Message (Version 12.1)
- 2.** Message Modifications: Approved Revision Process – PNRGOV (Version 12.1)
- 3.** Principles, Functional & Business Requirements – PNRGOV (Version 12.1)

4. PNRGOV



PNRGOV

▶ ICAO Public Site → Key activities → Aviation security
→ SFP Section → Facilitation Programme →
Publications

[http://www2.icao.int/en/AVSEC/FAL/Pages
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Annex 9: **RP 3.48** on PNR data:

Contracting States requiring Passenger Name Record (PNR) access should conform their data requirements and their handling of such data to guidelines developed by ICAO.

5. PNR: REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



- Growing importance of PNR data transmission for aviation security purposes
- Need for international uniformity
- Doc 9944/PNRGOV: Guidelines
- On-going work in FALP and other bodies

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37th Assembly (2010) Resolutions

- Declaration on Aviation Security

- ▶ States urged to use PNR as an aid to aviation security

- A37-20, Appendix D, Section III

- ▶ States to ensure passenger data requirements conform to international standards adopted by UN agencies

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High-Level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS, September 2012)

1. Conclusions:

→ international standardization in the use of . . . PNR . . . would contribute to the operational and economic viability of the air transport industry;

→ a lack of harmonization in . . . PNR . . . can reduce the effectiveness of utilizing such data for the purposes for which it is required;

→ it is essential that States standardize their data requirements and adopt a standard format for the electronic transmission of passenger data;

→ ICAO and Member States should promote and enhance the global harmonization of PNR systems;

→ States should, in the use of passenger data as an aid to security, ensure the protection of passengers' privacy.

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2. Recommendations:

→ States align the various data exchange systems . . . with the international data transmission standards adopted by relevant United Nations agencies . . .;

→ ICAO incorporate new SARPs into Annex 9 with the objective of enhancing global standardization on passenger data transmission and safeguarding the economic sustainability of international air transport; [▶]

→ PNR systems, based on the PNRGOV message format, require only those data elements collected and stored in aircraft operator systems, as described in *Guidelines on Passenger Name Record (PNR) Data* (Doc 9944), to meet the business and operational needs of those aircraft operators;

→ ICAO provide States with assistance and training on the implementation of . . . PNR . . .

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FALP/7 Meeting (October 2012)

- **3.48 Amended:** Specific reference to 9944 & PNRGOV message implementation guidance
- (new 3.48.1): States & Operators: provide 24/7 support
- (new 3.48.2): When requiring PNR data, States should consider the adoption and implementation of the PNRGOV message as a method of transferral of PNR data.

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PNR: What Next?

→ State Letter

→ Assembly Working Paper on HLCAS

→ Follow-up: IATA (+ ICAO, WCO)

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