

Reminder of Advance Passenger Information (API)

In order to enhance border security control, facilitate arrival immigration and customs clearance, and expedite the process of completing arrival formalities for our passengers, airlines are required by customs and immigration authorities of various countries to collect passengers' passport data for pre-arrival clearance. There are serious penalties imposed on airlines for non-compliance to data submission / accuracy.

Travel agents are required to enter Advance Passenger Information (API) in SSR element for booking with flights involved prior to arrival. Details as below:

Travel document - DOCS

1. Gender
2. Date of Birth (full date format, e.g. 01Jan75)
3. Nationality (3 letter AIRIMP country code)
4. Document Type** (e.g. P or A or C*. Please refer AIRIMP standard code)
5. Issuing Country Code(3 letter AIRIMP country code)
6. Expiring Date (full date format, e.g. 01Jan75)
7. Document Number (full date format, e.g. 01Jan75)
8. Surname (Document holder Surname)
9. Given Name (Document holder Given Name, omit title and honorific)
10. Middle Name (Optional, Document holder Middle Name)

Address – DOCA

1. Street Address
2. City
3. State
4. Country
5. Zip/Postal code

Below countries is required advance passenger information

Country	Inbound	Outbound	Transit	SSR code
Australia	Yes	No	No	DOCS
Bahrain	Yes	Yes	Yes	DOCS
Canada	Yes	No	Yes	DOCS, DOCA
China	Yes	Yes	No	DOCS
India	Yes	No	No	DOCS
Indonesia	Yes	Yes	No	DOCS
Italy	Yes	No	No	DOCS
Japan	Yes	No	No	DOCS
Korea	No	Yes	No	DOCS
New Zealand	Yes	Yes	No	DOCS
South Africa	Yes	Yes	No	DOCS
Taiwan	Yes	Yes	Yes	DOCS
UK	Yes	Yes	No	DOCS
Effective from 18 January 2011, all Europe flights require emergency contact				
USA	Refer to Secure Flight Final Rule Important Updates for Travel Agents			

More details can be found in [Advance Passenger Information System \(APIS\)](#)

**Document type examples:

P – Passport

A/C/D/T/W – Identity card

Resident	Description of Document type		Destination		
			HK/MO	TW	CN
HK	Hong Kong resident - Home Re-entry Permit	港澳居民來往內地通行證 (回鄉證)			C
CN	China resident travel permit To/From HK/MO - Public Affairs	因公務往來港澳通行證	A		
	China resident Travel Permit To/From Taiwan	大陸居民往來台灣通行證		D	
	China resident travel permit To/From HK/MO	大陸居民往來港澳通行證	W		
TW	Taiwan resident travel permit To/From China	台灣居民來往大陸通行證(台胞證)			T