

# US Secure Flight Rule

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## 1. Secure Flight Rule Overview

On October 28, 2008, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the Secure Flight Program to enhance the current security of domestic and international and also the overflight routes that defined by TSA. **SFPD** (Secure Flight Passenger Data) is required upon booking on applicable routes and to follow IATA rule, ticketing is inhibited to booking that SFPD is not presented.

**Failure to comply to the Secure Flight Rule, passengers may result in denial of transport or denial of authority to enter the boarding area.**

## 2. U.S. Secure Flight Routes

It refers to :

- To/from US flights
- Overflights – CX overflying US routes are :
  - ❖ to/from Vancouver flights
  - ❖ to/from Toronto flights

## 3. Secure Flight Passenger Data

Each passenger will be required to provide the following Secure Flight data when booking involved in/out US flight and overflights :

- Passengers Full Name (as shown on state or government issued identification documents such as a State ID Card, Drivers License or Passport).
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- \*Redress Number (if available)

Please refer to the below Privacy notice from The Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

“The Transportation Security Administration requires us to collect information from you for purposes of watch list matching, under the authority of 49 U.S.C. Section 114, and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Providing this information is voluntary; however, if it is not provided, you may be subject to additional screening or denied transport or authorization to enter a sterile area. TSA may share information you provide with law enforcement or intelligence agencies or others under its published system of records notice. For more on TSA Privacy policies or to view the system of records notice and the privacy impact assessment, please see TSA’s web site at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).”

## 4. SFPD in Passenger Record

IATA members agreed that the industry should reuse existing Special Service Request (SSR) DOCS and DOCO to accommodate the transmission of SFPD between members :

**SSR DOCS** is used to store the passenger’s Full Name, Date of Birth, and Gender

**SSR DOCO** is used to store the passenger’s optional Redress Number

e.g. SSR DOCS CX HK1 /P/US/220674674/US/16JUN38/F/04JAN17/ABELLA/MARY/P1  
SSR DOCO CX HK1//R/1234512345///US

## 5. No Titles and Honorifics in SSR DOCS Passenger Name Component

The passenger name under SSR DOCS must be the passenger's complete name as it appears on the passenger travel document. Titles and honorifics are NOT required in passenger name component under SSR DOCS element according to IATA standard. The requirements to omit titles and honorifics in SSR DOCS applies to all API required countries as well as US Secure Flight Passenger data.

## 6. Inhibit Ticketing for Security Reason

IATA Resolutions on 'Inhibit Ticketing for Security Reasons' enforces airlines and travel agents to inhibit ticketing at the point of ticket issuance if the SFPD is not present in SSR DOCS.

To help ensure compliance for the airlines and minimize passenger inconvenience, **it is always recommended to obtain genuine SFPD from passengers and input as SSR DOCS at time of booking creation if booking involved in/out/overfly US.** Delay in ticket issuance and subsequent booking cancellation after ticket deadline due to incomplete SFPD from your customers will not be reinstated.

**There are occasions where SFPD SSR DOCS element is removed after ticket issuance. This is an inappropriate practice according to US TSA. Please note that Cathay Pacific closely monitors these behaviors and reserves the right to cancel such booking without prior notice or your customers may be denied to enter the boarding area or to board the flights.**

## 7. GDS DOCS and DOCO entries:

ABACUS/SABRE /INFINI	DOCS: 3DOCS1/DB/13MAR70/M/SMITH/JOE-1.1 DOCO: 3DOCOS1//R/123456789-1.1 (This entry is valid on/after 13Jul09)
GALILEO	DOCS: SI.P1S1/DOCS*P/GB/S12345678/GB/12JUL66/M/23OCT15/SMITH/JOE DOCO: SI.P1S1/DOCO*PARIS FR/V/123451234512345/LONDON GBR/14MAR03/USA
APOLLO	DOCS:3DOCSN1/P/SIN/S12345678/SIN/13MAR70/M/23OCT15/SMITH/JOE DOCO:3DOCON1/PARIS FR/V/1234512345/LONDON GBR/14MAR03/USA
AMADEUS	DOCS: SR DOCS CX HK1-----13MAR70-M--SMITH-JOE/S2/P1 DOCO: SR DOCO CX HK1--R-123456789-LONDON GBR-18JUN04-US/S2/P1
WORLDSPAN	DOCS: 3SSR DOCS CX HK1/P/USA/S12345678/USA/13MAR70/M/23OCT15/SMITH/PETER-1.1 DOCO: 3SSR DOCO CX HK1/LONDON GB/V/1254525823/LONDON GB/14MAR03/US-1.1
TRAVELSKY	DOCS: SSR DOCS CX HK1 P/CHN/123456/CHN/11APR11/M/22APR22/CHAN/AB/P1 DOCO: SSR DOCO CX HK1 /V/9891404/NEW YORK/10MAY04/USA/I/P1