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## **Advance Passenger Information (API) Requirement**

### **1 Introduction**

This Circular intends to inform the operators of international commercial airlines and private flights of the API requirement of the Department of Immigration and Emigration of the Maldives which would come in to effect from 15 August 2011.

### **2. Requirement**

The operator of international airlines and private flights shall submit the following information to the Department of Immigration and Emigration:

Data Relating to the Flight;

- a) Flight Identification (IATA Airline Code / Flight number)
- b) Place of last Departure (Name of the place aircraft last departed)

Data Relating to Each Individual on board;

- a) Official Travel Document Number (Passport or other official travel document number)
- b) Surname/Given Name(s) (Family name and given name(s) of the holder as it appears on the official travel document.)
- c) Nationality (Nationality of the holder)
- d) Date of Birth (Date of birth of the holder)
- e) Gender (Gender of the holder)

Submission Timelines for provision of API;

- a) Commercial carriers:- No later than Forty Five (45) minutes before arrival
- b) Private Flights:- No later than Thirty (30) minutes before arrival

Flights diverting in to airports of the Maldives, due emergencies and technical purpose and transit/transfer passengers are excluded from this API requirement.

Method of Submission/Transmission;

The API data should be submitted to Department of Immigration and Emigration by email to email address;

[apis@immigration.gov.mv](mailto:apis@immigration.gov.mv)

### **3. Effectivity**

With effect from 15 August 2011.

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