

Secure Flight Final Rule Important Updates for Travel Agents

1. Secure Flight Overview

On October 28, 2008 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the final rule for a program called Secure Flight. The purpose of Secure Flight is to enhance the current security of domestic and international air travel through the use of improved government watch list matching.

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

“The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requires you to provide your full name, date of birth, and gender for the purpose of watch list screening, under the authority of 49 U.S.C. section 114, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and 49 C.F.R parts 1540 and 1560. You may also provide your Redress Number, if available. Failure to provide your full name, date of birth, and gender may result in denial of transport or denial of authority to enter the boarding 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 review the system of records notice and the privacy impact assessment, please see the TSA Web site at www.tsa.gov.”

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

- 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)

* Those who encounter misidentification are invited to apply for Redress number at www.dhs.gov/trip to help prevent watch list matching misidentifications in the future. Under the Secure Flight program, individuals will use the Redress Number in future correspondence with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and when making future travel reservations.

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. Compliance Date for Aircraft Operator

The Secure Flight Final Rule and applicable aircraft operator security programs require that aircraft operators request, collect, and be capable of transmitting the following data to TSA as of the date indicated: October 31, 2009 – full Secure Flight Passenger Data for international flights.

3. IATA – Industry Agreed Direction

IATA members agreed that the industry should reuse existing Special Service Request (SSR) DOCS and DOCO to accommodate the transmission of Secure Flight information 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

DOCO CX HK1//R/1234512345///US

4. 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

- Please contact your GDS Service Provider if you require further information
- Although US Secure Flight require passenger name, gender and date of birth in DOCS entry, due to different GDS 's requirement, some GDS might require to enter all mandatory fields (i.e. passport number, expiry date, etc) in DOCS & DOCO entries.