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Update on APIS Transmissions for Foreign Nationals Traveling to the United States with Advance Travel Authorization

In support of the Department of Homeland Security parole processes for certain nationals of Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ukraine, and Venezuela and their qualifying immediate family members, this reminder guidance is being issued for Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) transmissions and response codes.

Each individual traveling under these processes must be in possession of a valid, unexpired passport and have their own individual approved travel authorization but may not have a U.S. issued visa that is normally required for travel. You may encounter minor citizens of Ukraine with approved Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) travel authorizations listed as a dependent in their parent’s valid Ukraine passport.

Individuals not independently eligible under these processes (i.e. non-Ukrainian, non-Cuban, etc. family members) must be accompanied by their principal family member to be allowed to travel to the U.S. and considered for parole under these processes.

Carriers should not accept paper printouts of travel authorizations as the sole mechanism for issuing a boarding pass and allowing the traveler(s) to board the aircraft.

The status of a travel authorization can change at any time. Travelers that have questions about their status should be directed to check their account online via the my.uscis.gov portal.

Air carriers participating in CBP’s Document Validation (DocVal):

If an individual is traveling with a travel authorization under these processes, the passport number is the only document number to be transmitted. Airlines DO NOT transmit the A-number, a facilitation document number, or any other data in the second document field.

- A- Valid U.S. Document on File response: Boarding is permitted.
- Z- Not applicable response: Should not be boarded. Contact the RCLG.
- D- No Valid U.S. Document on File response: Should not be boarded. Contact the RCLG.

Air Carriers not participating in CBP’s DocVal:

If you are an air carrier that does not participate in CBP’s DocVal or have a question about boarding a traveler, contact the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG), Immigration Advisory Program (IAP) Officer or Joint Security Program (JSP) Officer.

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Honolulu	Asia, Pacific Rim	808-237-4632
Miami	Latin America, Caribbean	305-874-5444
New York	Europe, Africa, Middle East	718-487-5321