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Clarification on APIS Transmissions for Ukrainian, Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan Nationals Traveling to the United States with Advance Travel Authorization

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

Each individual traveling under this process 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.

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

Individuals not independently eligible under this process (i.e. non-Ukrainian, non-Cuban, non-Haitian, non-Nicaraguan, or non-Venezuelan family members) must be accompanied by their principal family member to be allowed to travel to the U.S. to be considered for parole under this process.

If a traveler is participating in this parole process, airlines DO NOT transmit the A-number, a facilitation document number, or any other data in the second document field. The passport number is the only document number to be transmitted.

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

- 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 Document Validation:

- 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.

If you have a question on boarding a traveler, it should be directed to the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG), Immigration Advisory Program (IAP) Officer or Joint Security Program (JSP) Officer.

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