

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL
CONCERNING ADHERENCE TO STANDARDS IN
RELATION TO DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCE
PASSENGER INFORMATION (API)**

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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

NOTING the compliance risk posed by airline passengers especially with regard to drug trafficking and international terrorism,

NOTING the use of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) by both carriers and Customs authorities and the potential benefits that use of this technology can bring,

RECOGNISING that the electronic transmission of passenger-related data can result in the more rapid clearance of passengers and can have important control benefits for Customs authorities,

HAVING REGARD to Annex J.1. of the Kyoto Convention which requires, inter alia, computer applications implemented by Customs authorities to use internationally accepted standards,

DESIRING specifically to simplify and harmonise interface arrangements between (air) carriers and Customs authorities particularly as regards the use of standard data elements, codes and message syntax,

RECOMMENDS that Members of the Council and members of the United Nations Organisation or its specialised agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions, should adhere to the standards set out in the Joint CCC/IATA Guideline on Advance Passenger Information, and any future updated or revised versions of these standards, for the electronic exchange of passenger data,

REQUESTS Members of the Council and members of the United Nations Organisation or its specialised agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions which accept this Recommendation to notify the Secretary General of the Council of the date from which they will apply the Recommendation and of the conditions of its application. The Secretary General will transmit this information to the Customs administrations of all Members of the Council. He will also transmit it to the Customs administrations of the members of the United Nations Organisation or its specialised agencies and to Customs or Economic Unions which have accepted this Recommendation.
