



Hellenic Police Headquarters  
Aliens and Border Protection Branch  
Border Protection Directorate

Dear Madame / Sir,

We would like to inform you that, as part of the implementation of the Council Directive 2004/82/EC of 29 April 2004, on the obligation of air carriers to communicate passenger data," transposed into the national legislative framework with the Presidential Decree 53/2008 a contract was signed between the Hellenic Police and the company "ADAPTIT", in order to develop the national Advance Passenger Information System -APIS.

According to this Directive, air carriers are required to communicate information concerning their passengers travelling to an EU border crossing point. This information is supplied electronically, at the request of the authorities responsible for carrying out checks on persons at the external borders of the EU, to improve border control and to combat illegal immigration more effectively. The obligations provided for in this Directive are complementary to those laid down by Article 26 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, as supplemented by Council Directive 2001/51/EC, concerning the obligation of carriers to return third-country nationals who are refused entry by the Member State of destination. More specifically, *"Member States shall take the necessary steps to establish an obligation for carriers to transmit at the request of the authorities responsible for carrying out checks on persons at external borders, by the end of check-in, information concerning the passengers they will carry to an authorized border crossing point through which these persons will enter the territory of a Member State."*

According to the technical specifications of the API System, in order to make the APIS fully operational, the connection of all air carriers to the System and the initiation of API messages submission, are required.

Having said that, we herewith forward the Implementation Guide for the connection of air carriers to the API System, which has been prepared by "ADAPTIT", in collaboration with the Hellenic Police.

**It should be noted that there is no connection between the data mentioned above and the data sent by air carriers to the Passenger Information Unit of the Hellenic Police's PNR System.**

Therefore, the integration that will be developed as part of the national API System between the air carriers and "ADAPTIT" constitutes a **new and separate flow** of data and **will not affect the existing communication with the Hellenic Police's PNR system.**

Therefore, we kindly ask you to take all necessary actions, as soon as possible with regards to the connection and the submission of API messages to the newly developed national API system.

Last but not least, we would kindly remind you of the utility related with the notification of correspondence between the air carriers and the relevant – to the connection – companies, to the Border Control Unit of the Border Protection Division / H.P.H. by cc to the below mentioned email address ([tes.borderprotection@astynomia.gr](mailto:tes.borderprotection@astynomia.gr)). This flow of information will ensure that all necessary assistance will be available to our services on the need of achieving constant contact and efficient monitoring of the process and evolution of the system integration procedure to provide assistance, whenever required.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Border Protection Division  
  
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