



MALDIVES CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
Republic of Maldives

AIR TRANSPORT CIRCULAR
AT 01/2021 - Issue 02

ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION (API)
AND
PASSENGER NAME RECORD (PNR)
30 September 2026

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Recognizing the importance of passenger data in strengthening border security and preventing the movement of terrorists and other high-risk individuals, the United Nations Security Council, through Resolutions 2178 (2014) and 2396 (2017), calls upon Member States to require air carriers to provide Advance Passenger Information (API) and to develop the capability to collect, process, and analyse Passenger Name Record (PNR) data for the prevention, detection, and investigation of terrorist offences and related travel.

In accordance with these international obligations and the Standards and Recommended Practices contained in ICAO Annex 9 (Facilitation), the Government of Maldives has undertaken a national initiative to enhance passenger data management by streamlining the collection, transmission, receipt, and processing of API and PNR data, ensuring greater efficiency, interoperability, and compliance with international best practices in border control and passenger facilitation.

- 1.2 For the above purpose, the Government of Maldives has assigned Maldives Immigration as the competent authority for the receipt and processing of Advance Passenger Information (API), Interactive Advance Passenger Information (iAPI), and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data. This responsibility was previously undertaken by the Maldives Customs Service.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this Circular is to formally designate **Maldives Immigration** as the appropriate national authority for the collection, receipt, and processing of API/iAPI, and PNR data in the Maldives, following the transfer of this responsibility from the Maldives Customs Service.

This Circular further serves to inform and advise airlines and aircraft operators operating international flights to and from the Maldives of their obligations to provide API/iAPI, and PNR data relating to passengers and crew members in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

3.0 Requirement

- 3.1 The designated national authority responsible for the receipt and processing of API/iAPI, and PNR data in the Maldives is:



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- 3.2 The Maldives Immigration Regulation No. 2026/R-85 dated 25 September 2026, sets out the procedures and requirements applicable to airlines operating international air services to and from the Maldives for the submission of API/iAPI, and PNR data.
- 3.3 All operators of international flights to and from the Maldives, including commercial and non-commercial, scheduled and non-scheduled air transport services, shall provide Advance Passenger Information (API/iAPI) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data relating to passengers and crew members to Maldives Immigration, in accordance with the legal, technical, and operational requirements, as well as the timelines specified in the Regulation No. 2026/R-85.
- 4.0 **Applicability**
- 4.1 These Rules shall apply to all aircraft engaged in international operations to and from the Maldives, including aircraft operators, air transport service providers, ground handling agents, and any person or organization authorized to act on behalf of, or represent, such operators in connection with the arrival and departure of aircraft.
- 5.0 **Effectivity**
- 5.1 This Circular shall enter into force on 30th October 2026 and shall, from that date, supersede and replace Maldives Civil Aviation Authority Air Transport Circular AT 01/2021- Issue 01, dated 10th January 2021.



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- Appendix A: Gazette 2026/R-85 dated 25th September 2026 (Regulation on providing advance passenger and flight information to the Maldives Immigration)
- Appendix B: Unofficial Translation in English of the Regulation on providing advance passenger and flight information to the Maldives Immigration