

**REGULATION TO PROVIDE ADVANCE PASSENGER AND FLIGHT
INFORMATION TO THE MALDIVES IMMIGRATION**

Introduction and Title	1.	(a)	This regulation prescribes the procedure concerning the submission of advance passenger and flight information of aircrafts arriving or departing from the Maldives to the Maldives Immigration, in pursuant to article 8 and article 26 of the Maldives Immigration Act 2007 and drives its legal status under article 35 of the same Act in reference to the Article 9.15 of Annex 9 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
		(b)	This regulation shall be cited as the “Regulation on providing advance passenger and flight information to the Maldives Immigration”.
Objective	2.	The objectives of this regulation are as follows.	
		(a)	Establish procedures for submitting to Maldives Immigration, information of persons onboard aircrafts arriving to and departing from Maldives to ensure safety and security of Maldives.
		(b)	Establish a mechanism to facilitate advance identification of foreign nationals involved in serious and organized crimes, persons affiliated with terrorist organizations, persons suspected of having links to such organizations, and persons known or suspected to be terrorists, prior to their entry into the Maldives;
		(c)	Facilitate the implementation of measures prescribed in the Convention on International Civil Aviation as well as United Nations resolutions, including United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2178 (2014), 2396 (2017), and 2482 (2019).

Jurisdiction	3.	This regulation shall apply to the aircrafts arriving in or departing from the Maldives by air, and the owners, charterers, agents, captains of, and any other persons having responsibility for, such aircraft.	
Required information and the time for submission	4.	(a)	Aircrafts arriving in to or departing from the Maldives, must ensure that information of all persons on board is provided to Maldives Immigration, prior to arrival or departure of the aircraft, within the timeframes specified in the provisions 2.5 and 2.6 of the Annex 1 of this regulation.
		(b)	Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), Maldives Immigration shall have the discretion, having regard to the circumstances and where necessary, to require information in addition to those specified in this regulation and/or to exempt requirement to submit specific information under this regulation.
		(c)	Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Article, the Maldives Immigration shall have the discretion, having regard to the location of the airport from which a flight operating to the Maldives departs, the distance between such airport and the Maldives, and the nature of the flight, to permit the required information to be submitted to Maldives Immigration at a later time than that specified in subsection (a).
		(d)	The prerequisite information, required to be provided to the Maldives Immigration, concerning persons on board aircraft arriving or departing from the Republic of Maldives is specified in Annex 1 of this regulation.
		(e)	The obligation to submit information to Maldives Immigration required under this regulation shall not be construed as relieving any obligation to provide or submit information required by any other regulation.

Financial burden	5.	The financial burden of engaging an intermediary or utilizing any system or platform to provide prescribed information under this regulation shall be borne by the party providing such information.	
Handling of Information	6.	Any information obtained by Maldives Immigration under this regulation shall only be used for the purpose of maintaining national safety and security, combating terrorism and serious crimes in accordance with the laws of the Maldives, and implementing the Convention on International Civil Aviation.	
Sharing of Information	7.	Information obtained under this regulation may be disclosed only with the following.	
		(a)	Relevant staff of the Maldives Immigration;
		(b)	Relevant staff of the Maldives Customs Service, to be utilized in accordance with the provisions of article 60, 70 and 84 of The Maldives Customs Act;
		(c)	Where necessary, the Intelligence Agencies specified in the chapter 3 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2015.
Maintaining confidentiality of information	8.	Any information received by the Maldives Immigration under this regulation shall be deemed confidential information and shall be treated so by the relevant staff of Maldives Immigration, as well as by any other relevant agencies, and their respective personnel with whom Maldives Immigration has shared such information.	
Preservation of Information	9.	(a)	Maldives Immigration shall have the discretion to retain information obtained under this regulation for such period as may be determined by Maldives Immigration.
		(b)	Notwithstanding subsection (a), if any information obtained herein is recorded in writing; such a recording shall be discarded according to established respective laws and regulations.

Penalties for offence	10.		Maldives Immigration may, at its discretion, impose a fine of MVR 2000 (Two thousand Maldivian Rufiyaa) on any party who act in contravention of this regulation.
Interpretation	11.		Unless otherwise provided in this Regulation, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings set forth below.
		(a)	“Intermediary” means any party appointed by the party required to provide information under this Regulation for the purpose of facilitating the provision of such information.
		(b)	“Convention on International Civil Aviation” means the Convention signed at the Chicago Conference on 7 th December 1944, to which the Maldives acceded on 12 March 1974. This term shall also include all Annexes to the said Convention and all amendments made thereto.
		(c)	“Serious Crime” means the crimes specified in the article 5 of the Prevention of Gang-Related and Other Serious Crimes Act 2025.
		(d)	“Organized Crime” means the crimes specified in the article 4 of the Prevention of Gang-Related and Other Serious Crimes Act 2025.
Commencement	12.		This regulation shall come into force on 30 th October 2026.

Annex 1

1. ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION (API) PASSENGER NAME RECORD (PNR) DATA ELEMENTS

1.1 DATA RELATING TO THE FLIGHT

#	Data Element
1	Flight Identification (International Air Transport Association (IATA) Airline Carrier Code and Flight no.)
2	Scheduled Departure Date and Time (Plane departure date/time based on the local time of origin)
3	Scheduled Arrival Date and Time (Plane arrival date/time based on the local time of destination)
4	Place/Port of Call of Aircraft Departure (Aircraft departed from this foreign place/port of call to go to “Place/Port of Aircraft Initial Arrival”)
5	Place/Port of Call of Aircraft Initial Arrival (Place/port in the country of destination where the aircraft arrives from the “Last Place /Port of Call of Aircraft)
6	Place/Port of Call of Aircraft Transit (Place/port in the country of destination where the aircraft arrives from the “Last Place /Port of Call of Aircraft)
7	Number of Passengers/Crew (Total number of passengers/crew on flight)

1.2 DATA RELATING TO THE PASSENGER/CREW MEMBER

#	Data Element
1	Surname/Given name(s) (Family name and given name(s) in accordance with that stated in the official travel document)

2	Gender (Gender of the holder)
3	Date of Birth (Date of birth of the holder)
4	Nationality (Nationality of the holder)
5	Official Travel Document Number (Number of passport or other official travel document)
6	Official Travel Document Type (Indicator identifying travel document type)
7	Issuing State or Organization of the Official Travel Document (Name of the State or Organization responsible for the issuance of the official travel document)
8	Issuing Date of the Official Travel Document
9	Expiration Date of Official Travel Document (Expiration date of the official travel document)
10	Place/Port of Embarkation (Place/port where traveler originates travel)
11	Place/Port of Debarkation (Place/port where traveler is traveling to)
12	Traveler's Status (Crew/ Passenger, In-transit)
13	Seating Information (Specific seat assigned to the passenger for this flight)
14	Baggage Information (Number of bags, bag tag number(s), all pooled baggage information, bag destination/ offload point)
15	Passenger Name Record Locator Number (or unique identifier) (As available in the traveler's Passenger Name Record in the carrier's airline reservation system)
16	Visa Number

	(Number of the issued visa)
17	Issue Date of the Visa (Date of the Visa issuance)
18	Place of Issuance of the Visa (Name of the place where the Visa was issued)
19	Other Document Number Used for Travel (The other document number used for travel when the official travel document is not required)
20	Type of Other Document used for Travel (Indicator to identify type of document used for travel)
21	Primary Residence (where the traveler resides for most of the year) Address, Road, City, State, Country, Postal code
22	Destination Address (where the traveler is going to stay on a particular trip) Address, Road, City, State, Country, Postal code
23	Place of Birth (Place of birth such as city and country)
24	Contact Number (Telephone details)
25	Frequent flyer information (Frequent flyer account number and elite level status)
26	Passenger Travel Status (Standby information)
27	All date information (PNR creation date, booking date, reservation date, departure date, arrival date, PNR first travel date, PNR last modification date, ticket issue date, “first intended” travel date, date of first arrival, late booking date for flight)
28	Split/divided PNR information (Multiple passengers on PNR, other passengers on PNR, other PNR reference, single passenger on booking)
29	All ticketing field information (Date of ticket issue/purchase, selling class of travel, issue city, ticket number, one-way ticket, ticket issue city, Automated Ticketing Fare Quote (ATQF) fields)

30	All travel itinerary for PNR (PNR flight itinerary segments/ports, layover days, alternate routing unknown (ARNK) segments, inbound flight connection details, on-carriage information, confirmation status)
31	Form of payment (FOP) information (All FOP (cash, electronic, prepaid ticket advice (PTA), exchange), details of person/agency paying for ticket, staff rebate codes)
32	Travel agent information (Travel agency details, name, address, contact details, IATA code)
33	Received-from information (Name of person making the booking)
34	No-show information (Only available after flight close-out: no-show history)
35	General remarks (If any)

2. ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION (API) & PASSENGER NAME RECORD (PNR)

REQUIREMENTS

2.1. START DATE

Entry into force: 15 October 2026 to send Production data.

Prior to the entry into force date, all airlines are requested to send 'Testing' messages on the messaging platform designated by Maldives Immigration.

Grace period of 30 Days for the completion of technical requirements, will be given to those airlines which newly commence operations to Maldives.

2.2. TYPE OF PROGRAM AND ADDRESSES

API and PNRGOV messages can be sent to the following Addresses:

Type B Addresses:

MLEMCXH (Production) and **MLECUXH** (Testing)

Type X Addresses:

XHMLEPR (Production) and **XHMLEPT** (Testing)

Airlines that fly to/from any international airports in Maldives must submit API and PNR messages.

2.3. SCOPE OF PROGRAM

Applies to all passengers and crews on board international flights including commercial, non-commercial, regular and non-regular air transport service operators, providing services to and from the Maldives.

2.4. DATA ELEMENTS

API: UN/EDIFACT PAXLST

PNR: UN/EDIFACT PNRGOV

To be sent via Type B Messages/ Type X Messages

2.5. WHEN ARE THESE ELEMENTS TO BE SENT

For both Inbound and Outbound Flights:

API messages will be sent in 2 pushes.

- 1st at close of Check In
- 2nd at close of Boarding/Doors Closed prior to departure.

PNRGOV messages will be sent in 2 pushes.

- 1st at 24 hours prior to departure
- 2nd at 1 hour prior to departure

2.6. DATA FROM NON-RPT FLIGHTS

For Non-RPT Flights such as charter flights and private jet operations, the passenger/ crew manifest of inbound and outbound flights should be sent through <https://portal.immigration.gov.mv>

All parties are required to submit inbound manifest to Maldives Immigration prior to arrival of the aircraft as per table below:

Flight Duration	Time to submit manifest
Less than 3 (three) hours	30 (thirty) minutes prior to landing
More than 3 (three) hours	1 (one) hour prior to landing

Outward manifest should be submitted 30 (thirty) minutes prior to departure from Maldives

2.7. FOR WHICH AIRPORTS?

Airlines that fly to/from all international airports in Maldives must submit API messages and PNR.

2.8. GOVERNMENT POINT OF CONTACT

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