



Border Force

API (advance passenger information)

There is a long-established UK legislative requirement for carriers to supply travel document information (TDI), also known as API (advance passenger information), to the UK government border systems programme, which has subsumed the e-Borders system, for passengers and crew on flights operating to and from the UK.

This request for information is made under, and in accordance with, [paragraphs 27 \(in respect of crew information\)](#) and [27B \(in respect of passenger and service information\)](#) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 and the Immigration and Police (Passenger, Crew and Service Information) Order 2008 (SI 2008/5).

Failure to comply with the requirement to provide this information without a reasonable excuse is an offence under section 27(b)(iv) of the Immigration Act 1971 and may also incur a penalty under the Security and Travel Bans Authority to Carry Scheme 2012.

Carriers that require a permit to operate to the UK should check [the CAA guidance on foreign carrier permits](#).

Contact

Please contact carriers@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk for further information on how to comply.