



# BCBP IN CUTE CONTRACTS

## IATA RECOMMENDATION

Airlines, airports and others entities going to buy a CUTE or renew the CUTE contract, and willing to comply with the industry standard for check-in and boarding, BCBP, should check the following 7 items to ensure that the Request For Proposal (RFP), and the corresponding proposals, comply with IATA's recommendations:

### Checklist

1. Equipment (Boarding Pass Printers, Boarding Gate Readers) is included in the CUTE contract or RFP	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Boarding Pass Printers are compliant with the BCBP standard (i.e. can print PDF417)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Boarding Gate Readers are compliant with the BCBP standard (i.e. can read PDF417, Datamatrix, QR, Aztec)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. BPPs also support magnetic stripes	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. BGRs also support magnetic stripes	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Other airline has explicitly requested magnetic stripes	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Boarding Gate Readers also read 2D codes (Datamatrix, Aztec, QR) from the screen of mobile devices	<input type="checkbox"/>

### IATA's recommendations:

1. If the answer is NO, look for a separate contract for equipment.
- 2 & 3. The answer from the CUTE provider should be: YES. For a list of certified BCBP capable equipment, please refer to IATA's web site.
- 4 & 5. The answer from the CUTE provider should be: NO, magnetic stripes are not supported by the new equipment. If some airlines are not yet BCBP capable, the old equipment should be kept until the airlines are BCBP capable. The new equipment should run in parallel: new printers at some check-in desks, new scanners next to the old BGRs. Once the last airline becomes BCBP capable, the old equipment can simply be removed.
6. Dual equipment (ATB2 + BCBP) will be much more expensive than BCBP equipment: an airline requesting it should bear the costs and IATA would like to know about this to contact the airline concerned. Magnetic stripes are gradually being phased out until the ATB2 standard expires on 31 December 2010.
7. The answer should be: YES. IATA has approved in October 2007 an extension to the BCBP standard so that mobile phones can be used as boarding passes.

#### Notes:

- The Passenger Service Conference (PSC) Resolutions Manual, can be found on [www.iataonline.com](http://www.iataonline.com)
- CUTE – Common Use Terminal Equipment – is defined in the Recommended Practice 1797 of the PSC.
- The BCBP standard is defined in the Resolution 792 of the PSC
- ATB2 is defined in the Resolution 722c of the PSC

For more information, please visit: [http:// www.iata.org/stbsupportportal/bcbp](http://www.iata.org/stbsupportportal/bcbp)