IATA Control Authorities Working Group (CAWG)

Presentation

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IATA CAWG Vision Statement

“For Airlines and Control Authorities to develop and pursue cooperation for the facilitation and processing of a growing number of passengers, while ensuring integrated border management and effective actions against illegitimate traffics, and to focus on concepts such as risk assessment, sharing of information, and harmonization of processes.”
CAWG History

- The IATA CAWG was established in 1987 to address the issues of inadmissible and inadequately documented passengers.

- Its main objective was to act as a complementary forum to the World Customs Organization (WCO) by bringing together immigration authorities from States and representatives of their national carriers to promote consistency of approach and cooperation.

- Today, the IATA CAWG provides strategic direction and leadership for integrated border management and aviation facilitation matters by working to establish mutually acceptable working arrangements and general principles that recognize the needs and limitations of the both the governments and the airline industry.
IATA CAWG Governance

- IATA CAWG consists of active members from 18 countries with representatives from the Government and national airlines as well as trade associations.
- The group is lead by a government and airline Co-Chair with a 2 to 3 year term.
- Present Co-Chairs:
  - Government: Marc Towaij, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), since 2019.
  - Airline: Barbara Kostuk, Airlines for America (A4A), since 2020.
- CAWG falls under the Facilitation Working Group of the IATA Travel Board.
Members

- **Airlines**
  - Austrian A.
  - Air Canada
  - Air France
  - American A.
  - British A.
  - Brussels A.
  - Delta
  - Emirates
  - Finnair
  - Japan Airline
  - KLM
  - Lufthansa
  - Luxair
  - SAS
  - Swiss Airlines
  - TAP Air Portugal
  - United A.

- **Governments**
  - Australia
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Canada
  - Denmark
  - Finland
  - France
  - Germany
  - Japan
  - Luxembourg
  - The Netherlands
  - Norway
  - Portugal
  - Sweden
  - Switzerland
  - UAE
  - United Kingdom
  - United States

Trade Associations

- Airlines for America
- National Airlines Council of Canada

Observers
Working Arrangements

- Using the IATA CAWG’s unique forum and building upon the relationships that have been forged since its inception, government and airline representatives are able to work together in a cooperative meeting environment to develop best practices for border management.

- When relevant, the IATA CAWG works collaboratively with international and regional organizations with an interest in securing border management such as ICAO, WCO, INTERPOL, Frontex and IOM.

- Meetings:
  - Held twice a year: Working Session (Spring) and a Plenary Meeting (Fall)
  - The Plenary Meeting starts with a carrier-only meeting and a government-only meeting
The IATA CAWG produces best practice and guidance material for both governments and airlines. Some of this material has been submitted as Working Papers to ICAO and have become Standards or Recommended Practices in Annex 9 – Facilitation (*)

- Passenger Data Non Standard Requirement *
- Advance Passenger Information (API) Statement of Principles*
- Interactive Advance Passenger Information (iAPI) Statement of Principles*
- Guidance for Governments Seeking Access to Passenger Name Record (PNR) *
- Guidelines for the Removal of Deportees *
- Guidelines for the Removal of Inadmissible Persons*
- Guidelines Relating to Persons Identified as Holding Fraudulent or Falsified Travel Documents
- Best Practices for Electronic Travel Systems*
- A code of conduct for Immigration Liaison Officers
- Guidelines on Airside-Restricted Transit Visas
- Guidelines for Document Checks and Carrier Liability
Active Sub-Groups

- ICAO Task Force on Health Outbreak Issues in Aviation
- API Data Quality:
  - Data Capture and Validation
  - Multiple Passports Holders
  - Travel Documents
- Travel Authorizations
- Interactive API (iAPI) Best Practice
- Digital Identities and Legislative Framework (One ID)
Questions and more Information

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