



## New Airline Procedures - Effective May 15th

Greetings Travel Arranger:

**This information could be relevant to your travelers, please forward this important information:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announces the implementation of the **Secure Flight program**, which shifts pre-departure watch list matching responsibilities from individual aircraft operators to TSA and carries out a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission. To date TSA has assumed the watch list matching responsibility for passengers on domestic commercial flights with four volunteer aircraft operators and will add more carriers in the coming months. "The implementation of Secure Flight is a critical step towards mitigating threats we know exist in our aviation system," said TSA Acting Administrator Gale Rossides. "Secure Flight improves security and protects passenger privacy and civil liberties by ensuring the confidentiality of government watch list matching protocols."

**Under Secure Flight, airlines will gather a passenger's full name, date of birth, and gender when making an airline reservation to determine if the passenger is a match to the No Fly or Selectee lists.** By providing the additional data elements of gender and date of birth, Secure Flight will more effectively help prevent misidentification of passengers who have similar names to individuals on the watch list.

In addition to addressing misidentification, Secure Flight protects sensitive watch list data and enables officials to address security threats sooner, keeping air travel safer. By implementing one watch list matching system, the program provides a fair and consistent matching process across all airlines.

Marathon Travel is committed to making your business travel seamless, we will continue to monitor developments and update you as information becomes available. For more information on Secure Flight visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) or contact Marathon Travel at **800.826.2978**.

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