

Immigration Bulletin – 15/2025

The purpose of this immigration bulletin is to provide a monthly snapshot of significant regulatory updates with respect to entry requirements and common errors recorded while performing document verification during our operations. It aims at promoting awareness, minimizing the risk of future operational issues at airports, and reducing fines and costs associated to possible mistakes. For any queries please contact: centraleoperativasicurezza@ita-airways.com and aviationsecurity@ita-airways.com

DESTINATION USA

During check-in process the agents are responsible for comparing the travel document presented by the passengers with the travel document information transmitted to the US Authorities to ensure that information is correct, that the document is valid for travel, and that the passenger is the rightful holder of the passport.

Submission of API data requires Carriers to transmit travellers' information, including "gender code", as part of the pre-departure transmission.

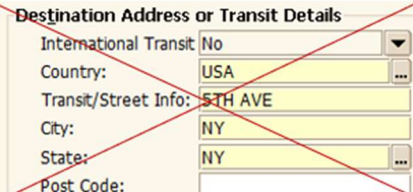
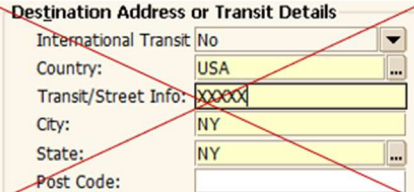

Starting from **14th July 2025**, only "M" or "F" (M=Male; F=Female) as gender codes are allowed in the API data transmission.

Carriers have been granted a grace period of 90 days, during which the system will not return an error response. However, if the travel document presented by a passenger for an international flight to/from the United States has a gender indicator other than "M" or "F" or no indication at all, the check-in agent **must select either "M" or "F"**.

After the 90 days grace period, a resubmit response will be returned by the system to indicate "insufficient information" when values other than "M" or "F" are submitted.

REMINDER:

- ❖ The travellers' passport **must always be swiped** to capture data from the MRZ (Machine Readable Zone) of the document and avoid any type of mistake.
- ❖ Under exceptional circumstances, if API data are collected manually, make sure the correct passport format is used. USA passports can be either nine digits long (entirely numeric) or alphanumeric consisting of a letter followed by eight numbers. In both cases, there are a **total of nine characters used for US passports**.
- ❖ When inserting the passenger's "Destination Address", make sure that complete, real and verifiable information is always added. As shown below, the Street Info without any number or a fake address (i.e. XXXXX) are not acceptable and expose the Carrier to high penalties.

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- ❖ The "International Transit" indicator shall only be selected as "YES" when passengers are transiting to another Country within the next few hours. If this is not the case, the Destination Address fields must be properly filled in.

Destination Address or Transit Details

International Transit: Yes

Country:

Transit/Street Info:

City:

State:

Post Code:

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