Advance Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States

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AOPA Overall Position

- No objection to goal of providing passenger information prior to entering the United States.

- CBP proposal raises significant concerns over implementation – goes beyond 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.

HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST

Expressions of Concern

- 13 Members of Congress signed letters/made statements
- 11 State aviation organizations
- 3,040 Comments to CBP

TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

- 91% of AOPA members travel to three destinations
  - Canada
  - Mexico
  - Bahamas and the Caribbean

TRAVEL PROFILE

- 88% of international travel is by light piston aircraft
- 96% travel with family, friends or business acquaintances (84% family/friends)

CBP PROPOSAL

Substantial Impact on General Aviation

- Operationally impractical/impossible
- 68% would fly international less often under proposal
- Adverse affect on US and neighbors' economy

CBP PROPOSAL

MAJOR ISSUE – ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

- Requirement to submit via EAPIS unworkable

- 63% of members no internet at point of departure

- Alternative filing requirements needed

Departure Procedures

- 15 minute window problematic
  - 75% of members had to update arrival times in flight
  - Weather departure delays unpredictable
- Filing alternatives needed
  - Phone
  - Radio
  - FAA Flight Service Stations

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OUTBOUND NOTIFICATION

Clearance required from CBP departing US

- No Justification
- Beyond 9/11 Commission Act
- Arrival country dictates notification

GA PASSENGERS; NON-COMMERCIAL

Odd Implications for general aviation

- DHS must inform pilot which individual is on list

- Family, friend, business associate

- What does a pilot do?

- Clearance procedures for passengers on no-fly list

OTHER DETAILS

- Transponder code unavailable prior to departure
- Explore new technologies
- Data requested by CBP not compatible with existing technology

ALTERNATIVES

- Exempt all aircraft below 12,500 lbs
- Allow electronic filing of passenger information in advance

ALTERNATIVES (cont.)

- Notify CBP of departure via non-electronic means
  - Update/activate plan once in flight
  - Allow for updates changes non-electronic means
- Eliminate requirement for outbound departures
- Address "technical" issues

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