


DHS Announces New Private Aircraft Requirements

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced today additional measures to strengthen private aircraft requiring more detailed information about arriving and departing private aircraft and persons onboard, within a necessary for the department to assess the risks that certain flights may pose to national security. The *Advance Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States* final rule expands on existing regulations and is part of a comprehensive effort to strengthen general aviation security.

"We're placing considerable emphasis on raising security in the general aviation sector," said Homeland Security Michael Chertoff. "By getting basic electronic information in advance, like we do with commercial aircraft, we are substantially reduce a vulnerability."

The final rule will require pilots of private aircraft to send U.S. Customs and Border Protection their electronic manifest relative to all people traveling onboard. The following information must be sent one hour prior to departure for arrival or departing from the United States by filing manifest data through the Electronic Advanced Passenger Information approved alternate system:

- Advance notice of arrival information;
- Advance notice of departure information;
- Aircraft information to foster aircraft identification; and
- Complete passenger and crew manifest data

The *Advance Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States* final rule has been sent to the Register for publication and is currently available at www.cbp.gov.

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