Passenger Name Records
PNR Directive 2016/681

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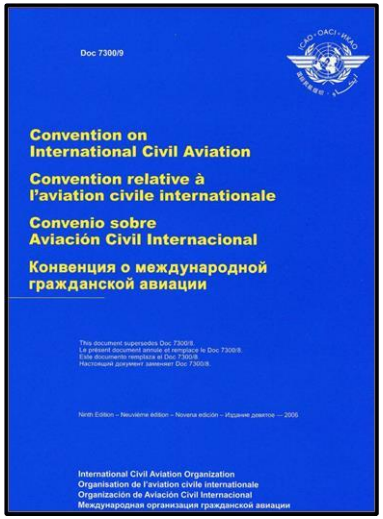
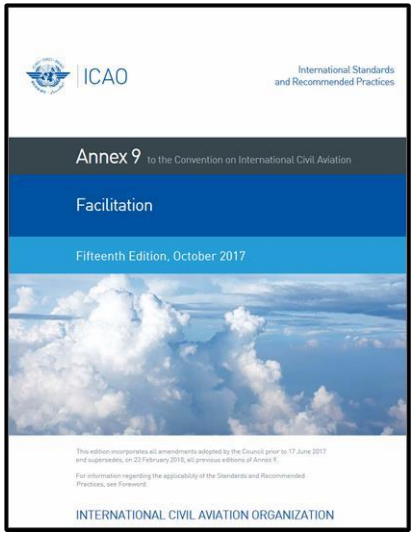
Overview

- PNR general framework
- What are PNR?
- The Directive's key elements
- What are the measures required for the implementation of the PNR Directive?
- Data Protection safeguards



International Civil Aviation Convention (Chicago Convention – 1944)



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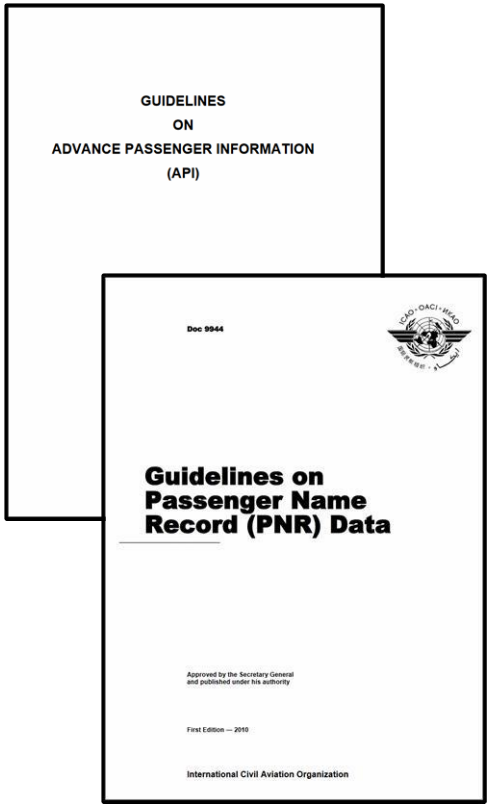

Guidelines on API and PNR

What are PNR?

- Unique data set, created when a flight reservation is made;
- Provided by passengers at the time of booking, check-in or boarding;
- Held by airlines for their own commercial purposes.

The PNR data elements

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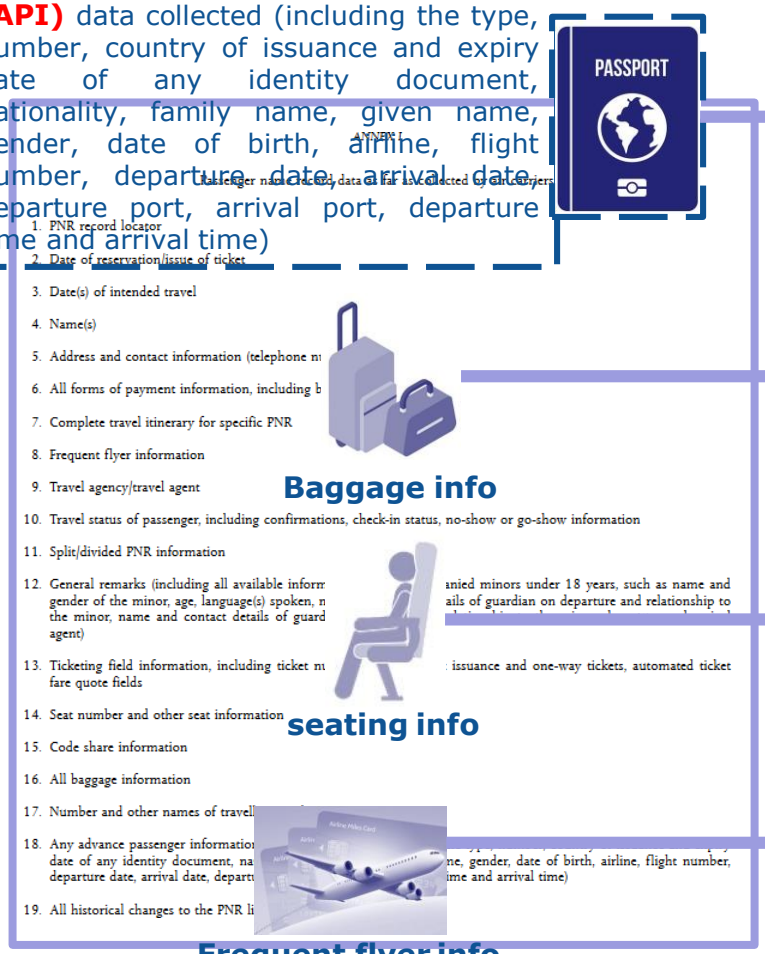
Any advance passenger information **(API)** data collected (including the type, number, country of issuance and expiry date of any identity document, nationality, family name, given name, gender, date of birth, airline, flight number, departure date, arrival date, departure port, arrival port, departure time and arrival time)



IP address

itinerary

Credit card info

Baggage info

seating info

Frequent flyer info

Address

passenger

Co-travellers

Email address

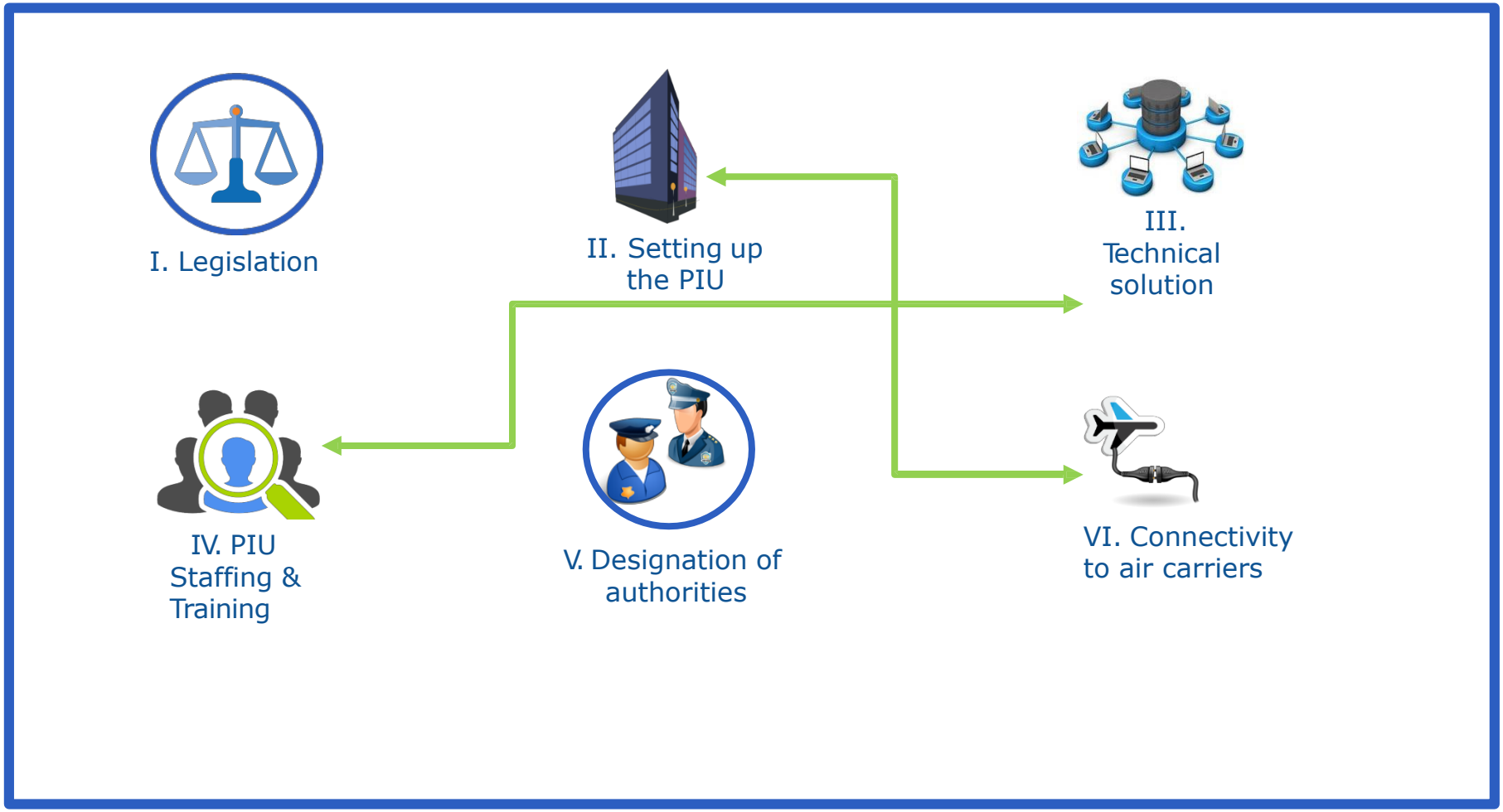
Telephone number

NB Not all of these elements may be present in a PNR record

The Directive's key elements

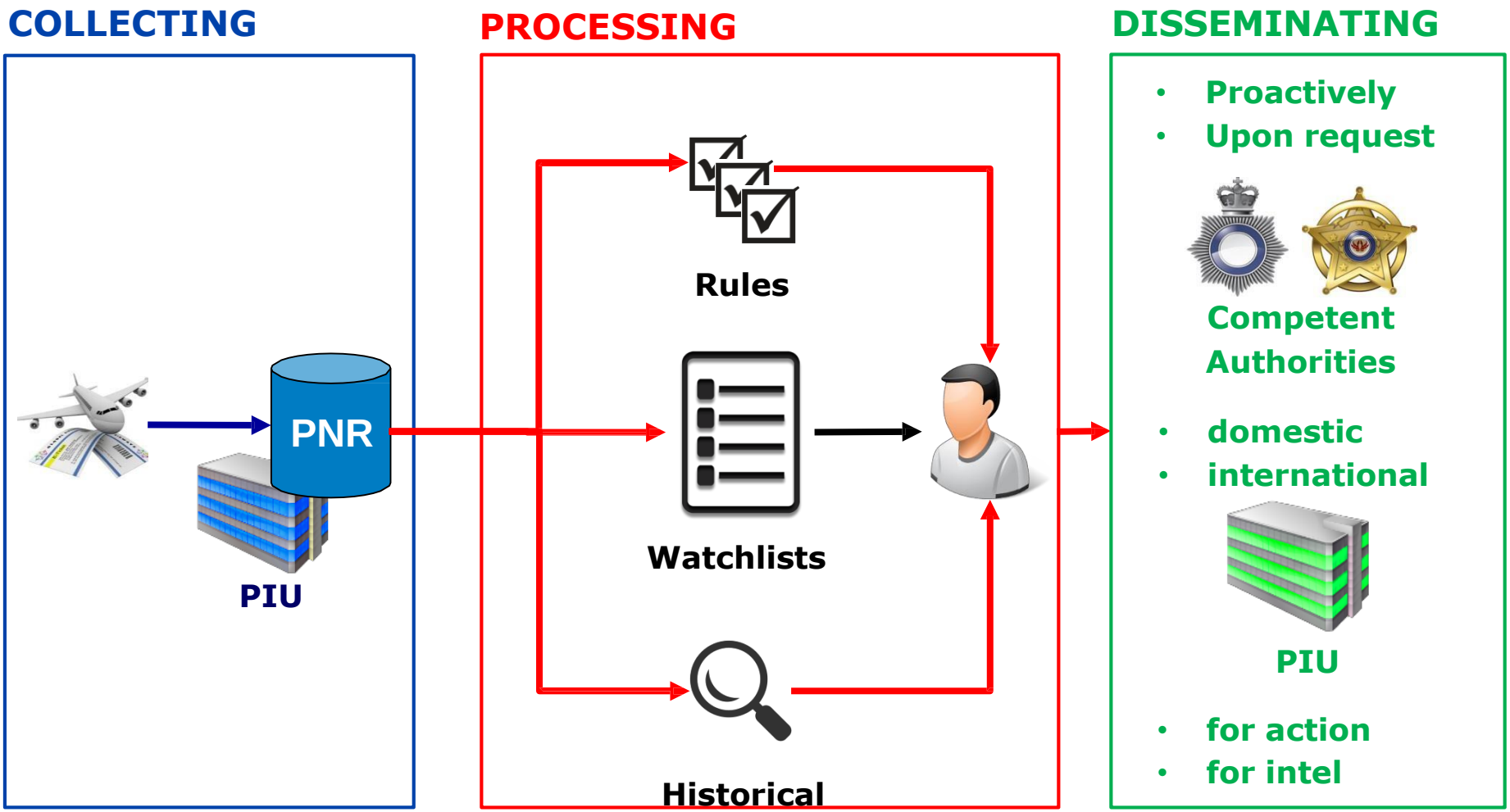
- Each Member State must create a "Passenger Information Unit" (PIU);
- Air carriers must transfer PNR data to the PIU;
- The PIU processes the PNR data and can transmit them further to "competent authorities", other Member States, Europol or to third countries.

PNR implementation



Independent activity

interdependency


COLLECTING
PROCESSING
DISSEMINATING
PNR
PIU
Rules
Watchlists
Historical
Proactively
Upon request
Competent Authorities
domestic
international
PIU
for action
for intel

Strong data protection safeguards

- Sensitive data must not be processed
- Data must be deleted after 5 years
- Data depersonalised after 6 months
- Data Protection Officer within the PIU
- Independent National Supervisory Authority

Resources

- ICAO Convention
- Annex 9 – Facilitation
- API guidelines
- PNR guidelines
- PNR Directive
- PNR Implementation plan
- PNR Implementing Decision
- List of PIU (OJEU)
- List of Competent Authorities (OJEU)
- API Directive

Thank you

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