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(Preliminary)

Computer Assisted Passenger Pre-Screening System (CAPPS II)

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Overview of CAPPS II privacy management process

The Office of National Risk Assessment ("ONRA"), under the auspices of the Transportation Security Administration ("TSA"), has been given the responsibility for developing, building and maintaining an algorithm-based system to protect U.S. transportation systems and the public by conducting risk assessments to detect potential foreign terrorists.¹ TSA, through ONRA, has also been charged with establishing and operating the passenger risk assessment and prescreening system (CAPPS II) for all major airports and all commercial airlines. This program will serve as the basis for future risk assessment capabilities within TSA.

This Privacy Impact Assessment ("PIA") is based upon the current design of the CAPPS II program. The program is still under design and the PIA will be updated as necessary in order to reflect any changes in the program which may have an impact upon privacy.

¹ Statement of December 6, 2002, by Admiral James Loy, the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security, announcing the establishment of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Office of National Risk Assessment (ONRA).
How the CAPPS II information will be shared

CAPPS II information may be disclosed to federal, state, local and international law enforcement officials who have jurisdiction over the airframe and/or the individual who is a known or suspected foreign terrorist or who is a threat to aviation safety, civil aviation or national security.

Notice and consent

How the CAPPS II information will be secured
System of records

CAPPS II will create a system of records that are exempt under one or more provisions of the Privacy Act. This system contains information regarding TSA's conduct of risk assessments required by 49 U.S.C. §§ 114 and 44903.