







Through I-Checkit, accredited private sector partners can draw on INTERPOL's policing capabilities, helping to detect identity fraud and building a stronger security infrastructure for the travel industry.



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# THE VALUE OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

The fraudulent use of identity and travel documents presents a threat to the security of countries and their citizens, the economy and global trade, as it facilitates a wide range of crimes.

Fake or altered passports have become key elements in the arsenal of terrorists and other criminals seeking to hide their identities to move across borders, transfer funds and carry out their illicit activities.

With this in mind, there is a clear need for law enforcement, governments and businesses to know whether their citizens and customers are who they claim to be.



# PROTECTING THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY

Estimates by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) indicate that 7.2 billion passengers will travel in 2035 - a near doubling of the 3.8 billion air travelers in 2016.



Unprecedented growth in passenger travel has made enhanced cross-sector cooperation essential, as both national authorities and the private sector strive to protect the security of their people, interests and operations.

I-Checkit encourages cooperation between the public and private sectors by facilitating information exchange to help detect identity fraud, and stop criminals from using stolen or lost travel documents.

Passengers with criminal intentions pose the greatest threat to operations. However, travelers 'innocently' attempting to use documents previously reported stolen or lost also represent a risk to the travel industry, as they are equally responsible for causing delayed departures and incurring repatriation costs.

# PARTNERING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Prior to I-Checkit, only law enforcement officials could query travel documents of individuals travelling internationally against INTERPOL's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents database.



I-Checkit allows trusted partners to submit travel documents for screening - as early as check-in - against INTERPOL's Stolen and Lost Travel Document (SLTD) database. For the travel sector specifically, this identification takes place **before passengers arrive at the airport**, port or border.

Now, and only through I-Checkit, accredited private sector partners can benefit from three of INTERPOL's key capabilities to assist them in protecting their operations.

#### SLTD DATABASE

INTERPOL's SLTD database holds information on nearly 75 million travel documents reported stolen or lost by 175 countries. This database enables INTERPOL National Central Bureaus (NCBs) and other authorized entities, such as immigration and border control officers, to check the validity of a suspect travel document in seconds.

Development is currently underway to extend screening to include INTERPOL Red Notices, or alerts for internationally wanted persons.



#### **INTERPOL'S GLOBAL NETWORK**

Each of our 192 member countries maintains an NCB, staffed by national law enforcement officers. The NCB forms the link with INTERPOL's global network, enabling member countries to work together on cross-border investigations.

#### INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTRE

The Command and Coordination Centre (CCC) is the operations room at INTERPOL and the first point of contact for a member country seeking INTERPOL's immediate intervention to support international police action.

Based in three strategic locations, the CCC operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides a rapid and integrated reaction to alerts generated by I-Checkit, linking police from around the world for effective follow-up.

### **SLTD FIGURES**



# COUNTRIES INVOLVED



### TIMELINE

## 01/05 13:36 GMT

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#### **Online check-in**

Passenger provided details of his travel document. A hit was generated.



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China

Hit alert coordination

Airline security, INTERPOL NCBs and INTERPOL CCC worked together to investigate the hit.

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# PASSPORT

A passenger was attempting to use a Chinese passport reported as stolen

**Outcome:** He was sent back to China by the Laotian immigration police. Two additional passengers were detained on suspicion of document fraud.



### 04/05

#### **Travel denied**

Passengers were intercepted in possession of the passports and detained by airport authorities.



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enger arrived at airport and his I document was **physically ked**. The hit was confirmed. Two s travel companions were found ssession of falsified documents.



### 04/05

### 08:50 GMT

**Flight departed** On time and without incident.

# HOW DOES I-CHECKIT WORK?

I-Checkit acts as an additional layer to existing security protocols, without compromising on-time performance. Our experience has shown that fake or stolen document holders can be detected and intercepted without delaying departures. I-Checkit is a simple, integrated solution which checks the validity of travel documents, **before passengers even arrive at the airport**.

By screening three key pieces of data - travel document number, country of issuance and type - the document is checked against INTERPOL's SLTD database.

If the identity document matches a record in the SLTD database, a 'hit notification' is generated, which is then transmitted to:

- the INTERPOL CCC
- the relevant INTERPOL NCBs
- if applicable, the designated point of contact for the airline.

Follow-up on a positive hit typically involves a secondary inspection at the gate prior to boarding to determine whether the subject is the genuine bearer of the reported stolen, lost or revoked travel document.



### **I-CHECKIT IN NUMBERS**



# BENEFITS

A partnership with INTERPOL, the world's largest police organization, strengthens existing security protocols, protects airline operations and reassures customers. When passengers attempting to travel on invalid identity documents are intercepted before they board, both airlines and law enforcement authorities benefit.

For airlines specifically, I-Checkit may bring:

- Increased security of flight operations;
- Optimized flight operations, as disruptions by undocumented or illegal travellers are limited;
- A mitigation of risks associated in repatriation costs, immigration fines and airport fees;
- A complement to insurance policies in order to reduce premiums;
- Increased brand trust and loyalty.



# **HOW TO CONNECT?**

INTERPOL's dedicated I-Checkit team works with carriers to ensure seamless implementation.

Using web-based services and integrated with existing IT systems, **implementing I-Checkit does not require additional equipment**, minimizing technology costs.

### FOUR STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION



# LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The I-Checkit service is subject to a comprehensive legal framework which rests on:

- INTERPOL's Constitution;
- INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data;
- INTERPOL's Financial Regulations;
- National and international law;
- Specific agreements with private companies;
- > International standards for data protection.

#### **KEEPING DATA SECURE**

Extensive testing has proven I-Checkit to be as secure as INTERPOL's global police communications system, I-24/7. Private sector partners cannot search or modify information held in the SLTD database, likewise, INTERPOL does not have access to the accredited partner's databases.

# A SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL MODEL



Private entities are charged an annual subscription fee which covers:

- Enhancements of INTERPOL's secure databases;
- Improved data quality and alert response;
- Capacity building and professional network development;
- Intelligence reporting to police, government and industry;
- Operational and material support to highly impacted NCBs.





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