

**DRAFT EMAIL TO ACCOMPANY SURVEY OF US AIRPORT OPERATORS ON THE EXPANSION OF
PRECLEARANCE:**

Dear Mr./Ms. [Last Name]:

Today, United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facilitates trade and travel to the United States while protecting its borders and serving the American public with vigilance, integrity, and professionalism.

To enhance national security and facilitate growth in international travel and commerce, CBP in September of 2014 invited foreign airports to submit letters expressing interest in preclearance operations.

Through preclearance, the same immigration, customs, and agriculture inspections of international air travelers performed by CBP upon arrival in the United States can be completed before departure from foreign airports, and further the reduction of wait times at the Nation's busiest ports of entry.

Over 25 airports in 15 different locations expressed interest, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in partnership with the Department of State, openly and deliberatively prioritized those locations with the greatest potential to support joint security, strategic, and operational goals.

As a result, today DHS is in negotiations to establish preclearance operations with 10 airports in 9 countries, and will soon open enrollment for additional interested parties.

In order to better understand how changes in its services related to preclearance may impact U.S. domestic airports, CBP is inviting all small, medium, and large hub airport directors to complete a brief survey. We are committed to working in close partnership with stakeholders and ensuring an engaged process. It is important to us to understand how these changes may impact your airport moving forward.

Below you will find a link to a survey on the potential business impacts of expanded preclearance operations, as well as an attached fact sheet about the program. Please read the preclearance factsheet before beginning the survey, as it will assist in your ability to complete the questionnaire.

This survey should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete and will be open for 30 days from today's date. We wish to thank you in advance for your active participation and look forward to viewing your responses.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact XXX at (202) 344-1234, or via e-mail at [EMAIL].

Sincerely,

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