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How Could Y2K Affect Travel?

It is difficult to avoid computers, especially when you're travelling internationally. The transportation industry uses computers for almost everything, from reservations and scheduling systems to billing, navigation, guidance, and air traffic control systems.

In the country you plan to travel to, telecommunications, transportation, police and medical services, and power and water supplies could be disrupted. And your insurance company at home may not insure you for the Y2K problems that you experience abroad.

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So if you're planning a trip abroad, consider fully the implications of Y2K on your travel plans. The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) will be there to help you — before you leave and when you get there.

Be prepared. Take personal responsibility. Being well informed is the first step.



What's Being Done?

- The Y2K problem has no borders. International experts are working to identify potential problem spots around the world, in both developing and industrialized nations.
- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), for example, has collected reports on the Y2K readiness of airports, airlines and air traffic control services in many countries. These will soon be made available to the public on the ICAO Web site: http://www.icao.int/y2k

See "Y2K Resources on the Internet" later in this brochure for other Web sites about international Y2K readiness.