

Privacy of information

Q22. How will the privacy of intransit travellers be protected? Just how much information will the U.S. preclearance officers receive and how will the U.S. use this information?

A. Air carriers will be required to provide limited advance passenger information for travellers who wish to use the intransit facility.

Intransit passengers from third countries who do not want to provide the information will have the option to be cleared into Canada before being processed by U.S. preclearance.

U.S. officials will only receive information for intransit passengers destined to the U.S., who do not formally enter Canada. This information is already available before the traveller arrives but could also be obtained upon the traveller's arrival.

Advance information improves U.S. Custom's ability to focus inspections on high-risk passengers, allowing low-risk passengers to pass inspection more quickly.

There will be strict limits on the nature and use of the information.

All use of personal information will be consistent with Canadian privacy law and policy, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.