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New Security Measures Affect All Who Travel by Air

EDWARDSVILLE, IL, September 27, 2010 - Vicki Rolens, Managing Director of the Federation of American Consumers (FACT), has issued an informative bulletin to members concerning new air travel requirements.

“Since August 2009,” she says, “the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has required airlines to collect Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD) for every passenger of every flight, and to transmit that data to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

“This was designed to enhance the security of domestic and international commercial air travel by streamlining the DHS watch list matching process.”

The next phase in this program, says Rolens, kicks in on November 1. It requires that all passengers have Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD) in their reservation at least 72 hours prior to departure. You will be unable to travel without providing this information.

In compliance with this mandate, you will be required to provide SFPD (full name, date of birth, gender and redress number*, if applicable). This applies to (1) any ticket purchased on or after September 15, 2010, regardless of travel date and (2) to any air travel taken after November 1, 2010, regardless of purchase date.

“In many instances,” says Rolens, “you can store your SFPD on an airline’s Web site, assuring that the information will automatically be made to any reservation made through that airline and that you are in compliance with the new regulations.”

Rolens suggests that consumers visit http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/secureflight/ for a complete rundown of the most current air flight security measures.

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