

"Categories of individuals covered by the system" above.

(b) To assist in the management and tracking of the status of secured access background checks and other employment investigations.

(c) To permit the retrieval of the results of secured access background checks and other employment investigations, including criminal history records checks and searches in other governmental identification systems, performed on the individuals covered by this system.

(d) To permit the retrieval of information from other law enforcement and intelligence databases on the individuals covered by this system.

(e) To track the fees incurred and payment of those fees by the airport operators, aircraft operators, and maritime and land transportation operators for services related to the secured access background checks and other employment investigations.

(f) To facilitate the performance of other investigations that TSA may provide to ensure transportation security.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

(1) To the United States Department of Transportation and its operating administrations when relevant or necessary to (a) ensure safety and security in any mode of transportation; (b) enforce safety- and security-related regulations and requirements; (c) assess and distribute intelligence or law enforcement information related to transportation security; (d) assess and respond to threats to transportation; (e) oversee the implementation and ensure the adequacy of security measures at airports and other transportation facilities; (f) plan and coordinate any actions or activities that may affect transportation safety and security or the operations of transportation operators; or (g) the issuance, maintenance, or renewal of a license, certificate, contract, grant, or other benefit.

(2) To the appropriate Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, foreign, or international agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, where TSA becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation.

(3) To contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, or volunteers when necessary to perform a function or service related to this system of records for which they have been engaged. Such recipients are required to comply with

the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended.

(4) To a Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, foreign, or international agency, in response to queries regarding persons who may pose a risk to transportation or national security; a risk of air piracy or terrorism or a threat to airline or passenger safety; or a threat to aviation safety, civil aviation, or national security.

(5) To the Department of State and other Intelligence Community agencies to further the mission of those agencies relating to persons who may pose a risk to transportation or national security; a risk of air piracy or terrorism or a threat to airline or passenger safety; a threat to aviation safety, civil aviation, or national security.

(6) To a Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, foreign, or international agency, where such agency has requested information relevant or necessary for the hiring or retention of an individual, or the issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant, or other benefit.

(7) To a Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, foreign, or international agency, if necessary to obtain information relevant to a TSA decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant, or other benefit.

(8) To international and foreign governmental authorities in accordance with law and formal or informal international agreement.

(9) To third parties during the course of an investigation into violations or potential violations of transportation security laws to the extent necessary to obtain information pertinent to the investigation.

(10) To airport operators, aircraft operators, and maritime and land transportation operators about individuals who are their employees, job applicants, or contractors, or persons to whom they issue identification credentials or grant clearances to secured areas in transportation facilities when relevant to such employment, application, contract, or the issuance of such credentials or clearances.

(11) To the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the FBI, and other government agencies, as necessary, to conduct the background check or employment investigation and to facilitate payment and accounting.

(12) To the Department of Justice (DOJ) in review, settlement, defense, and prosecution of claims, complaints, and lawsuits involving matters over which TSA exercises jurisdiction.

(13) To the DOJ or other Federal agency conducting litigation or in proceedings before any court, adjudicative or administrative body, when: (a) TSA, or (b) any employee of TSA in his/her official capacity, or (c) any employee of TSA in his/her individual capacity where DOJ or TSA has agreed to represent the employee, or (d) the United States or any agency thereof, is a party to the litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and TSA determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation and the use of such records is compatible with the purpose for which TSA collected the records.

(14) To a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from that congressional office made at the request of the individual.

(15) To the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration in records management inspections being conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

(16) To the Attorney General of the United States or his/her official designee, when information indicates that an individual meets any of the disqualifications for receipt, possession, shipment, or transport of a firearm under the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. In case of a dispute concerning the validity of the information provided by TSA to the Attorney General, or his/her designee, it shall be a routine use of the information in this system of records to furnish records or information to the national Background Information Check System, established by the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, as may be necessary to resolve such dispute.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

None.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

In electronic storage media and hard copy.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Information can be retrieved by name, social security number, submitting office number (SON), OPM case number, or other unique number assigned to the individual.

SAFEGUARDS:

All records are protected from unauthorized access through appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards. These