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Frequently Asked Questions

Question #1: *What is the annual reduction in the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee (ASIF) industry-wide?*

Answer: The annual industry-wide ASIF reduction is approximately \$28 million.

Question #2: *How was the annual reduction determined?*

Answer: The reduction represents the difference between the annual industry-wide screening costs including non-passengers (\$448 million) and the annual industry-wide screening costs excluding non-passengers (\$420 million) for calendar year 2000. This amount was determined through careful analysis which may be found at http://www.tsa.gov/research/fees/aircarrier_fee.shtm.

Question #3: *Which air carriers will receive reductions?*

Answer: Those air carriers that were assessed additional ASIFs in 2006 as a result of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2005, Public Law 108-334, 118 Stat. 1298, 1304, Oct. 18, 2004.

Question #4: *How was the annual reduction attributed to individual air carriers?*

Individual reductions were determined using the same formulas that were used to assess additional ASIFs in 2006 as a result of Public Law 108-334. Each air carrier's refund was determined by considering both the overall industry-wide reduction as well as carrier-specific variables.

Question #5: *Will there be any refunds for amounts overpaid in the past?*

Answer: Yes. Those air carriers that receive reductions will also receive refunds for amounts overpaid retroactive to January 2005.

Question #6: *When will the refunds be made?*

Answer: Refunds are expected to process the week of July 12, 2010.

Question #7: *Will air carriers have the ability to request an administrative review of the ASIF reductions or refunds?*

Answer: No. The reductions and refunds are a direct result of the findings of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Prior administrative reviews were conducted pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Claims Collection Standards, which standards are inapplicable to reductions/refunds.

Question #8: *Will air carriers receive interest payments on the ASIF refunds?*

Answer: No. As a general rule, unless expressly provided by statute or contract, agency appropriations are not available to pay interest.

Question #9: *What is the proper contact information for the TSA Office of Revenue?*

Answer: Transportation Security Administration
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