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Cruise Passenger Tracking Due October 4:

Costa to Adopt PASS Advance Passenger Information System (APIS)

September 27, 2005: Miami, Florida – More rigid U.S. government-mandated cruise embarkation/debarkation rules go into effect October 4th, 2005. This is a result of U.S. laws passed requiring detailed recording and evaluation of all incoming and outgoing travel. PASS Consulting has worked closely with the cruise industry and US officials to develop an automated solution that will address the requirements of this new ruling.

PASS' XX/1 Advanced Passenger Information System (APIS) will successfully manage passenger and crew reporting and improve risk management procedures. The new PASS system streamlines the entry and management of data required for the electronic Notice of Arrivals and Departures (eNOAD). The system increases the speed, ease of access and integration into existing cruise line passenger reporting systems. Other options to comply with the new laws include manual completion of Web-based pages or use of other form creation software, which require more time and have less quality control abilities due to the need to enter each passenger and crew member individually rather than to upload that data from internal files.

As PASS' newest XX/1 customer, Costa Cruises will benefit from the enhanced security, reliability and speed of passenger tracking. This will result in superior service and safety for Costa Cruises and their passengers while efficiently and accurately fulfilling the government's requirements.

Pragmatic Systems International Corporation, a travel technology consultant that specializes in governmental law issues, illuminated the need for a reliable APIS/eNOAD system. "There are numerous advantages of having an APIS system like that of PASS, and the results can be very significant for both the cruise line and the passenger," said the spokesperson for Pragmatic Systems. "If a cruise line does not comply with these laws or if they inadvertently fail to enter certain information, they could be fined by the government and/or not be allowed to dock at a port. For the passenger, who has enjoyed a week-long cruise and is ready to set foot on land once again, waiting hours for a ship to dock can be a confusing and frustrating experience. The PASS system facilitates the needed precision that will help a cruise line avoid penalties and delay."

“The PASS XX/1 APIS/eNOAD sets a new standard for passenger reporting and for streamlining edit validation which is important to comply with the new law,” explained Michael Strauss, CEO of PASS Consulting. “We see that this solution fills the immediate need in the US market and can be easily adapted to handle other countries if needed in the future. We believe that Costa Cruises will benefit significantly from the dynamic features of this new offering and will give them a competitive advantage.”

“We work with PASS Consulting as an extension of our own IT department and we have used their knowledge and expertise to help us provide the utmost security and service for our customers,” noted Eduardo Petriati, IT Director of Costa Cruises. “The PASS XX/1 APIS/eNOAD gives us the certainty that all of our passenger and crew reporting will be quickly and appropriately taken care of to ensure Costa Cruise passengers get the best possible service.”

“Security is a growing need in the travel industry and accurate and current information is of highest importance for the protection of the country, the cruise lines and their passengers,” added Strauss. “In addition to its many features, this new technology has the flexibility of being used on cheaper hardware with more reliable platforms.”

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