

CBP Private Air Preclearance Summary Guide



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Executive Summary

On February 23, 2010, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano and U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Daniel M. Rooney formally announced the expansion of preclearance services for private aircraft departing Shannon Airport for the United States beginning March 1, 2010. Under the preclearance expansion, pilots of private aircraft may request preclearance of private aircraft flights from Shannon, Ireland to a specific, designated airport or airport facility in the United States that is approved and capable of handling and processing international garbage as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This document contains information about the preclearance process, answers to Frequently Asked Questions, and the most recent list of U.S. airports at which precleared flights from Shannon, Ireland, may arrive.

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Private Aircraft Preclearance Procedures

Pilots of private aircraft may request preclearance of private aircraft flights from certain, specific CBP preclearance locations to a specific, designated airport in the United States.

The preclearance processing of private aircraft is accomplished through 7 steps:

1. Request for Services.
2. APIS Submission.
3. Appointment Confirmation/Notifications.
4. Preclearance Services Performed.
5. Flight Closeout and Departure
6. Departure Notifications.
7. Flight Arrival in the United States.

It should be noted that CBP performs point-to-point preclearance. Unauthorized diversions are not allowed; private aircraft are precleared from the CBP preclearance port to a specific, designated airport or airport facility that is approved and capable of handling and processing international garbage as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As indicated in Title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), section 122.32, CBP has the authority to limit the locations where aircraft entering the U.S. from a foreign area may land. As such, aircraft must land at the airport designated in their APIS transmission unless instructed otherwise by CBP or changes to the airport designation are required for aircraft and/or airspace safety as directed by the FAA flight services.

After all preclearance operations have been completed, the aircraft/flight is cleared for immediate departure from the CBP Preclearance Port for arrival directly in to the specified, approved CBP port of entry.

The coordinated CBP preclearance process serves to grant the private aircraft pilot permission to land and/or landing rights, as applicable or required.

CBP Agriculture Specialists at the Port of Entry will coordinate with the private aircraft pilot (or the pilot's representative) and the fixed base operator to ensure compliance with proper procedures for the handling, removal, and processing of international regulated garbage.

Through the preclearance process, effective communication is critical. The preclearance port initiates communication through messages and updates with the domestic CBP offices and the pilot (and/or representative), ensuring that all affected parties are kept informed and apprised of the aircraft's status.

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1. Request for Services

Pilot Submission of Preclearance Service Request

The preclearance process begins with the private aircraft pilot (or their representative) requesting an appointment with CBP for preclearance services. This request is made using procedures prescribed by the Preclearance Port Director. Although a private aircraft pilot may choose to utilize a third-party representative (agent, ground handler, fixed based operator, etc.) to request preclearance services, ultimately, the accuracy of the information provided to CBP (preclearance service request, APIS manifest, etc.) is the responsibility of the private aircraft pilot.

For private aircraft pilots requesting preclearance services, the following information must be provided to CBP:

- **Requested Date and Time of the Preclearance Appointment** – Local and ZULU times.
- **Tail Number** – Generally the number permanently affixed to the tail of the aircraft.
- **Decal Number** – The number of the annual user fee decal affixed to the aircraft.
- **Flight Itinerary** – Including the U.S. airport of arrival and any foreign airports visited within the previous 24 hours. The U.S. airport of arrival must have an approved compliance agreement to handle international regulated garbage.
- **Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA)** – The estimated time of arrival in to the predetermined U.S. port of arrival.
- **Estimated Time of Departure (ETD)** – The estimated time of departure from the preclearance processing location.
- **Number of Travelers Onboard**
- **Number of U.S. Citizens Onboard**
- **APIS Transmission Received By CBP (Y/N)** – Has an APIS manifest been transmitted to CBP at the time of the request for services?
- **Pilot (and/or representative, if applicable) Information** – including name, telephone number and email address.

Additional information may be requested at the discretion of the CBP preclearance port and should be provided in order to facilitate the preclearance request. The pilot (or representative) should contact the preclearance port regarding any questions related to port-specific procedures.

2. APIS Submission

In general, private aircraft pilots are responsible for submitting notice of arrival and manifest information regarding each individual onboard the aircraft within APIS manifests to CBP no

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later than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled departure of flights destined for the United States from a foreign port or place.

For preclearance service requests, the pilot will be responsible for submitting APIS manifest information to CBP no later than 60 minutes prior to the ***scheduled time of preclearance processing (or as instructed by the preclearance port)***. Failure to submit APIS data within the timeframe prescribed by the Preclearance Port Director may result in delay or denial of preclearance services.

The pilot may authorize another party to submit the information on their behalf, but the pilot remains responsible for the submission, accuracy, correctness, timeliness, and completeness of the APIS information.

Before APIS data is submitted to CBP, the private aircraft pilot is responsible for comparing the travel document presented by each individual to be transported onboard the aircraft with the travel document information he or she is transmitting to CBP to ensure that the information is correct, the document appears to be valid for travel purposes, and the individual is the person to whom the travel document was issued.

3. Appointment Confirmations and Notifications

Preclearance Appointment Eligibility

CBP officers at the preclearance station are responsible for reviewing the preclearance service request information as submitted by the private aircraft pilot and determining if the flight is eligible for preclearance services. Eligibility can be determined by staffing, hours of operation, etc.

Preclearance services may be cancelled (schedule changes, flight plan changes, etc.) or denied at any time before or during the inspection process. CBP may deny preclearance services for reasons including (but not limited to):

- A failure to meet conditions for preclearance processing.
- The pilot boards travelers or articles that have been denied entry by CBP.
- The aircraft is carrying cargo or merchandise that requires post-entry processing.
- A request by the CBP destination port or another DHS entity.
- If the requirements of other U.S. agencies are not met (e.g. USDA handling of international garbage).
- Unexpected circumstances or urgencies affecting the preclearance port's ability to provide services.
- Other instances where travelers, articles, or aircraft conveyance are specifically identified as requiring post-clearance processing

4. Preclearance Services Performed

Upon arrival of the private aircraft at the preclearance facility, CBP officers and CBP Agriculture Specialists are responsible for enforcing CBP laws in addition to laws of other U.S. agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, etc.

CBP Preclearance officers will process all travelers (passengers and crewmembers) and articles, as well as physically inspecting the private aircraft conveyance.

Traveler Processing

Upon arrival at the CBP preclearance facility, the private aircraft pilot is responsible for the following, regarding traveler processing:

- Prior to entering the CBP facility, all travelers and articles must pass through airport security screening, if available.
- All travelers and articles (including, but not limited to, baggage, merchandise, and personal items) must be presented together to CBP for examination in the CBP facility area.
- All travelers and articles that have been precleared by CBP must be kept isolated from uncleared travelers and articles until the time of departure.

Aircraft Inspection

A physical search or examination of the private aircraft by CBP will be conducted. In preparation for examination of the aircraft, the private aircraft pilot must:

- Clear all baggage, personal articles, and merchandise from the aircraft.
- Open all storage compartments.
- Power down all systems, including the engine, radio, and auxiliary power unit (APU).

5. Flight Closeout and Departure

Once preclearance processing has been completed and CBP has approved the aircraft for departure, the pilot must ensure all cleared travelers and articles are onboard the aircraft. In addition, the aircraft door must be secured until the time of departure. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the precleared status of the aircraft. In these cases, it is the decision of the Preclearance Port Director to re-clear the flight or cancel the precleared status.

6. Departure Notifications

Once preclearance processing has been completed and CBP has approved the aircraft for departure, CBP at the preclearance airport will coordinate communication with CBP at the U.S. airport of arrival.

7. Flight Arrival in to the United States

Upon arrival in to the United States, CBP Agriculture Specialists at the Port of Entry will coordinate with the private aircraft pilot (or the pilot's representative) and the fixed base operator to ensure compliance with proper procedures for the handling, removing, and processing of international regulated garbage. Meals and other food that were available for consumption by passengers and crew on the aircraft but were not consumed are considered to be regulated garbage, and must be bagged and processed as such.

Travelers and articles are subject to re-inspection at the discretion of the port director.

If for any reason, including emergencies or weather, an aircraft must land at an airport different from the airport designated in the APIS transmission:

- The pre-cleared status of the aircraft is no longer valid. The pilot must schedule the arrival of the aircraft in the U.S. in the same manner as if preclearance processing had not been completed.
- Notice shall be given to CBP at the intended place of first landing, (nearest international airport, or nearest port of entry) as soon as possible by the pilot, pilot's requestor, or aircraft owner.
- The CBP Port Director whose area of responsibility covers the airport where the diverted aircraft arrived will consider the totality of the circumstances (emergencies, weather, etc.) and determine whether re-inspection of the aircraft and its travelers is warranted.
- If re-inspection is required, the pilot should keep all travelers in a separate place at the landing area until CBP officers and/or CBP Agriculture Specialists arrive.
- The pilot should keep all merchandise and baggage together and unopened at the landing area until CBP officers arrive.

List of US. Airports Eligible for the Arrival of Precleared Private Aircraft Flights as of March 18, 2010

Airport Code	Name of Airport	City	State
PANC	Anchorage International Airport (Ted Stevens)	Anchorage	AK
PAFA	Fairbanks International Airport	Fairbanks	AK
PSGY	Skagway Municipal Airport	Skagway	AK
KBHM	Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport	Birmingham	AL
KHSV	Huntsville International Airport	Huntsville	AL
KDCU	Pryor Field Regional Airport	Decatur	AL
KBFM	Mobile Downtown Airport (Brookley Field)	Mobile	AL
KDUG	Bisbee-Douglas International Airport	Douglas	AZ
KDGL	Douglas Municipal Airport	Douglas	AZ
KIWA	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (Williams)	Mesa	AZ
KOLS	Nogales International Airport	Nogales	AZ
KPHX	Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	Phoenix	AZ
KSDL	Scottsdale Airport	Scottsdale	AZ
KTUS	Tucson International Airport	Tucson	AZ
KYUM	Yuma International Airport	Yuma	AZ
KCXL	Calexico International Airport	Calexico	CA
KCRQ	McClellan-Palomar Airport	Carlsbad	CA
KFAT	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	Fresno	CA
KLAX	Los Angeles International Airport	Los Angeles	CA
KOAK	Oakland International Airport	Oakland	CA
KRNO	Reno-Tahoe International Airport	Reno	NV
KSMF	Sacramento International Airport	Sacramento	CA
KSDM	Brown Field	San Diego	CA
KSAN	San Diego International Airport (Lindbergh Field)	San Diego	CA
KSFO	San Francisco International Airport	San Francisco	CA
KSJC	Mineta San Jose International Airport	San Jose	CA
KBJC	Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (Jeffco)	Broomfield	CO
KCOS	Colorado Springs Airport	Colorado Springs	CO
KDEN	Denver International Airport	Denver	CO
KAPA	Centennial Airport	Englewood	CO
KEGE	Eagle County Regional Airport	Gypsum	CO
KGON	Groton-New London Airport	Groton	CT
KHVN	Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport	New Haven	CT
KBDR	Sikorsky Memorial Airport	Stratford	CT
KBDL	Bradley International Airport	Windsor Locks	CT
KDCA	Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport	Arlington	VA
KILG	New Castle Airport	New Castle	DE
KDAB	Daytona Beach International Airport	Daytona	FL

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List of US. Airports Eligible for the Arrival of Precleared Private Aircraft Flights as of March 18, 2010 (cont.)

Airport Code	Name of Airport	City	State
KFXE	Ft. Lauderdale Executive Airport	Fort Lauderdale	FL
KFPR	St. Lucie County International Airport	Fort Pierce	FL
KFLL	Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport	Ft. Lauderdale	FL
KRSW	Southwest Florida International Airport	Ft. Myers	FL
KJAX	Jacksonville International Airport	Jacksonville	FL
KEYW	Key West International Airport	Key West	FL
KLEE	Leesburg International Airport	Leesburg	FL
KMLB	Melbourne International Airport	Melbourne	FL
KMIA	Miami International Airport	Miami	FL
KORL	Orlando Executive Airport	Orlando	FL
KMCO	Orlando International Airport	Orlando	FL
KPBI	Palm Beach International Airport	Palm Beach	FL
KPFN	Panama City/Bay County International Airport	Panama City	FL
KPNS	Pensacola Regional Airport	Pensacola	FL
KSFB	Orlando-Sanford International Airport	Sanford	FL
KSRQ	Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport	Sarasota	FL
KSGJ	St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport	St. Augustine	FL
KPIE	St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport	St. Petersburg	FL
KTPA	Tampa International Airport	Tampa	FL
KATL	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	Atlanta	GA
KPDK	Dekalb Peachtree Airport	Atlanta	GA
KFTY	Fulton County-Charlie Brown Field	Atlanta	GA
KMGE	Dobbins Air Reserve Base	Marietta	GA
KSAV	Savannah International Airport	Savannah	GA
PHNL	Honolulu International Airport	Honolulu	HI
PHOG	Kahului Airport	Kahului	HI
PHKO	Kona International Airport at Keahole	Kailua-Kona	HI
PHLI	Lihue Airport	Lihue	HI
KDSM	Des Moines International Airport	Des Moines	IA
KMDW	Midway International Airport	Chicago	IL
KORD	O'Hare International Airport	Chicago	IL
KDEC	Decatur Airport	Decatur	IL
KBLV	MidAmerica St Louis Airport	Mascoutah	IL
KMLI	Quad City International Airport	Moline	IL
KPIA	Greater Peoria Regional Airport	Peoria	IL
KRFD	Chicago Rockford International Airport	Rockford	IL
KUGN	Waukegan Regional Airport	Waukegan	IL
KDPA	DuPage Airport	West Chicago	IL
KPWK	Chicago Executive Airport	Wheeling	IL

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Airport Code	Name of Airport	City	State
KFWA	Fort Wayne International Airport (Baer Field)	Fort Wayne	IN
KIND	Indianapolis International Airport	Indianapolis	IN
KICT	Wichita Mid-Continent Airport	Wichita	KS
KLEX	Blue Grass Airport	Lexington	KY
KSDF	Louisville International Airport - Standiford Field	Louisville	KY
KMSY	Armstrong International Airport	New Orleans	LA
KBED	Laurence G. Hanscom Field Airport	Bedford	MA
KBOS	Logan International Airport	Boston	MA
KCEF	Westover Air Park	Chicopee	MA
KBWI	Baltimore International Thurgood Marshall Airport	Linthicum	MD
KBGR	Bangor International Airport	Bangor	ME
KHUL	Houlton International Airport	Houlton	ME
KPWM	Portland International Jetport	Portland	ME
KPQI	Northern Maine Regional Airport	Presque Isle	ME
KBTL	WK Kellogg Airport	Battle Creek	MI
KDTW	Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport	Detroit/Romulus	MI
KGRR	Gerald R. Ford International Airport	Grand Rapids	MI
KAZO	Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport	Kalamazoo	MI
KLAN	Capital Region International Airport	Lansing	MI
KPTK	Oakland County International Airport	Waterford	MI
KPHN	St Clair County International Airport	Port Huron	MI
KCIU	Chippewa County International Airport	Sault Ste Marie	MI
KYIP	Willow Run Airport	Ypsilanti	MI
KDLH	Duluth International Airport	Duluth	MN
KINL	Falls International Airport	International Falls	MN
KMSP	Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport	Minneapolis	MN
KSTP	St Paul Downtown Airport (Holman Field)	St Paul	MN
KMKC	Charles B Wheeler - Downtown Airport	Kansas City	MO
KMCI	Kansas City International Airport	Kansas City	MO
KSGF	Springfield-Branson National Airport	Springfield	MO
KSTL	Lambert-St. Louis International Airport	St. Louis	MO
KSUS	Spirit of St. Louis Airport	St. Louis	MO
KGPT	Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport	Gulfport	MS
KJAN	Jackson-Evers International Airport	Jackson	MS
KGTF	Great Falls International Airport	Great Falls	MT
KGPI	Glacier Park International Airport	Kalispell	MT
KCLT	Charlotte-Douglas International Airport	Charlotte	NC
KGSO	Piedmont Triad International Airport	Greensboro	NC
KRDU	Raleigh-Durham International Airport	Raleigh	NC

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Airport Code	Name of Airport	City	State
KILM	Wilmington International Airport (New Hanover Cty)	Wilmington	NC
KINT	Smith Reynolds Airport	Winston-Salem	NC
KFAR	Hector International Airport	Fargo	ND
KGFK	Grand Forks International Airport (Mark Andrews International)	Grand Forks	ND
KMOT	Minot International Airport	Minot	ND
KOMA	Eppley Airfield	Omaha	NE
KACY	Atlantic City International Airport	Egg Harbor	NJ
KMMU	Morristown Municipal Airport	Morristown	NJ
KEWR	Newark Liberty International Airport	Newark	NJ
KTEB	Teterboro Airport	Teterboro	NJ
KTTN	Trenton-Mercer Airport	Trenton	NJ
KABQ	Albuquerque International Sunport	Albuquerque	NM
K5T6	Dona Ana County Airport at Santa Teresa	Santa Teresa	NM
KLAS	McCarran International Airport	Las Vegas	NV
KALB	Albany International Airport	Albany	NY
KBUF	Buffalo Niagara International Airport	Buffalo	NY
KFRG	Republic Airport - Farmingdale	Farmingdale	NY
KSWF	Stewart International Airport	New Windsor	NY
KLGA	LaGuardia Airport	Flushing	NY
KJFK	John F Kennedy International Airport	Jamaica	NY
KIAG	Niagara Falls International Airport	Niagara Falls	NY
KROC	Greater Rochester International Airport	Rochester	NY
KISP	Long Island MacArthur Airport	Ronkonkoma	NY
KSYR	Syracuse Hancock International Airport	Syracuse	NY
KFOK	Francis S. Gabreski Airport	Westhampton Beach	NY
KHPN	Westchester County Airport	White Plains	NY
KCAK	Akron-Canton Airport	Akron	OH
KLUK	Cincinnati Municipal Lunken Airport	Cincinnati	OH
KCLE	Cleveland Hopkins International Airport	Cleveland	OH
KCMH	Port Columbus International Airport	Columbus	OH
KLCK	Rickenbacker International Airport	Columbus	OH
KTOL	Toledo Express Airport	Toledo	OH
KDAY	Dayton International Airport	Vandalia	OH
KOKC	Will Rogers World Airport	Oklahoma City	OK
KTUL	Tulsa International Airport	Tulsa	OK
KPDX	Portland International Airport	Portland	OR

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Airport Code	Name of Airport	City	State
KHIO	Hillsboro Airport	Portland	OR
TJBQ	Rafael Hernandez Airport	Aguadilla	PR
TJPS	Mercedita International Airport	Ponce	PR
TSJU	San Juan Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport	San Juan	PR
TJIG	Fernando Luis Ribas Dominicci Airport (Isla Grande)	San Juan	PR
KABE	Lehigh Valley International Airport	Allentown	PA
KERI	Erie International Airport Tom Ridge Field	Erie	PA
KMDT	Harrisburg International Airport	Middletown	PA
KPNE	Philadelphia Northeast Airport	Philadelphia	PA
KPHL	Philadelphia International Airport	Philadelphia	PA
KPIT	Pittsburgh International Airport	Pittsburgh	PA
KAVP	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport	Wilkes-Barre	PA
KUUU	Newport State Airport	Newport	RI
KOQU	Quonset State Airport	North Kingstown	RI
KSFZ	North Central State Airport	Lincoln	RI
KPVD	TF Green Airport	Providence	RI
KCHS	Charleston International Airport	Charleston	SC
KGSP	Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport	South Carolina	SC
KTRI	Tri-Cities Regional Airport	Blountsville	TN
KCHA	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (Lovell Field)	Chattanooga	TN
KMEM	Memphis International Airport	Memphis	TN
KBNA	Nashville International Airport	Nashville	TN
KTYS	McGhee Tyson Airport	Alcoa	TN
KADS	Addison Airport	Addison	TX
KAMA	Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport	Amarillo	TX
KAUS	Austin-Bergstrom International Airport	Austin	TX
KBPT	Southeast Texas Regional Airport	Beaumont	TX
KBRO	Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport	Brownsville	TX
KCRP	Corpus Christi International Airport	Corpus Christi	TX
KDFW	Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport	Dallas	TX
KDAL	Dallas Love Field	Dallas	TX
KDRT	Del Rio International Airport	Del Rio	TX
K5T9	Maverick County Memorial International Airport	Eagle Pass	TX
KELP	El Paso International Airport	El Paso	TX
KFTW	Fort Worth Meacham International Airport	Fort Worth	TX
KAFW	Fort Worth Alliance Airport	Fort Worth	TX
KGLS	Scholes International Airport at Galveston	Galveston	TX
KHRL	Valley International Airport	Harlingen	TX
KEFD	Ellington Field	Houston	TX

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Airport Code	Name of Airport	City	State
KIAH	George Bush Intercontinental Airport	Houston	TX
KHOU	William P Hobby Airport	Houston	TX
KLRD	Laredo International Airport	Laredo	TX
KLBB	Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport	Lubbock	TX
KMFE	McAllen International Airport	McAllen	TX
KTKI	Collin County Regional Airport (McKinney Municipal)	McKinney	TX
KMAF	Midland International Airport	Midland	TX
KBPT	Southeast Texas Regional Airport	Beaumont	TX
KSAT	San Antonio International Airport	San Antonio	TX
KSGR	Sugar Land Regional Airport	Sugar Land	TX
KT77	Presidio Lely International Airport	Presidio	TX
KSLC	Salt Lake City International Airport	Salt Lake City	UT
KJYO	Leesburg Executive Airport	Leesburg	VA
KHEF	Manassas Regional Airport	Manassas	VA
KIAD	Dulles International Airport	Sterling	VA
TIST	Cyril E King International Airport	Charlotte Amalie	VI
TISX	Henry E Rohlsen Airport	Christiansted	VI
TSTT	Charlotte Amalie Harbor Seaplane Base	St. Thomas	VI
KBTV	Burlington International Airport	Burlington	VT
KBLI	Bellingham International Airport (& Squalicum SPB)	Bellingham	WA
KPAE	Snohomish County Airport - Paine Field	Everett	WA
KS60	Kenmore Air Harbor Seaplane Base	Kenmore	WA
KMWH	Grant County International Airport	Moses Lake	WA
KOLM	Olympia Regional Airport	Olympia	WA
KRNT	Renton Municipal Airport, Clayton Scott Field	Renton	WA
KBFI	King County International Airport/Boeing Field	Seattle	WA
KSEA	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport	Seattle	WA
KGEG	Spokane International Airport	Spokane	WA
KSFF	Felts Field Airport	Spokane	WA
KTTW	Tacoma Narrows Airport	Tacoma	WA
KENW	Kenosha Regional Airport	Kenosha	WI
KMKE	General Mitchell International Airport	Milwaukee	WI
KRAC	Batten International Airport	Racine	WI
KGRB	Austin Straubel International Airport	Green Bay	WI
KCPR	Natrona County International Airport	Casper	WY

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Frequently Asked Questions for Private Aircraft Preclearance at Shannon Airport

Q: When will private aircraft preclearance processing at Shannon Airport begin?

A: CBP will start up the new program at Shannon Airport on March 1, 2010.

Q: What is a Preclearance inspection?

A: A preclearance inspection is essentially the same inspection an individual would undergo at a U.S. port of entry. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operates 15 preclearance ports of entry in Canada, Aruba, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Ireland.

Q: What is preclearance of private aircraft?

A: CBP is expanding its operations beyond simply preclearing commercial travelers in Shannon, Ireland, to include the processing of flights that qualify as private aircraft per 19 CFR 122.1(h). This program will include inspections of all travelers, their personal articles, and the examination of aircraft. *All laws and regulations for entering the United States apply.*

Q: Will the new program include any other types of aircraft processing?

A: No. Private aircraft processing does not include public or military aircraft, and CBP does *not* preclear cargo.

Q: Who can be precleared on a private aircraft?

A: All travelers meeting the normal documentary requirements for entering the United States on private aircraft will be inspected. Only *signatory carriers* are eligible to transport Visa Waiver Program applicants.

Q: Can animals be precleared on private aircraft?

A: The only animals eligible to be precleared are pet dogs, cats and birds originating from Ireland. They must be accompanied by a health certificate that includes rabies vaccination information and be free of sickness or other anomalies. Passengers with live birds must have a completed Veterinary Services (VS) permit and must have scheduled an inspection of the bird by Veterinary Services at the port of destination. The permit, VS Form 17-135, must accompany the bird at time of inspection.

Q: During what hours will CBP preclear private aircraft?

A: CBP will process private aircraft at Shannon Airport daily from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Zulu/GMT).

Q: What are the CBP requirements for private aircraft?

A: Private aircraft pilots must:

- Request preclearance services
- Have a valid user fee aircraft decal

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- Comply with USDA requirements for handling of regulated garbage* at the U.S. destination airport
- Submit an electronic manifest (APIS) no later than 60 minutes prior to *inspection start time*
- Present travelers, baggage, and aircraft for inspection
- Ensure servicing of aircraft is conducted prior to CBP inspection
- Depart immediately upon completion of CBP inspection.

Q: How do I request preclearance services from CBP?

A: Requests are made by calling 011-353-61-771946** (for international), or 061-771946** within Ireland. Aircraft pilots or representatives must request processing no later than 24 hours in advance of the *inspection start time* and prior to the close of local CBP business the previous day (before 7 p.m. Sun-Fri, 3 p.m. on Sat).

Q: Where can private aircraft land in the U.S. after being precleared at Shannon?

A: A list of CBP approved airports, in addition to other details on private aircraft processing, is available at www.cbp.gov.

Q: Where can I get information about Shannon Airport services?

A: Please visit www.shannonairport.com.

* Regulated garbage also means meals and other food items that were available for consumption by passengers and crew on the aircraft but were not consumed.

** This line only takes requests for preclearance services; it is not a CBP information line.