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## Entry requirements for the USA:

### As of 1 August 2008: "ESTA" (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) online registration

Dear customers,

The requirement to register before entering the USA announced by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is to be introduced on **12 January 2009**. The 27 countries affected (Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Germany, England, Finland, France, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway, Austria, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland) are those who are part of the USA Visa Waiver Program and whose citizens do not require a visa to enter the United States. **Visitors to the USA will then be required to register their personal data and travel data online not less than 72 hours prior to travel.** The information requested corresponds to that of the I-94W entry form.

Passengers travelling to the USA on transit only are also required to complete the ESTA registration.

The recorded ESTA data then remains valid for two years, provided the applicant's passport does not expire before. This is a great advantage for people who travel to the USA several times a year.

On **1 August 2008**, the <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> website was launched in 16 different languages. The requirement to register applies to children too, who, regardless of their age, must present their own ESTA authorization and their own VWP eligibility. Even if the 'ESTA' registration has already been completed, travellers must still fill out the I-94W entry form en-route on all trips before 12 January 2009.

Further information on online registration prior to travel to the USA can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/xtrvlsec/crossingborders/>

General information on entry requirements for the USA are also available on the Carlson Wagonlit Travel website under the heading „CWT informs“: [www.carlsonwagonlit.ch](http://www.carlsonwagonlit.ch).

For reasons of data protection, each traveler is responsible for his own registration via the ESTA website.

If you have any questions, please contact your CWT agency.

Yours sincerely

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