

MALPENSA AMONG 11 AIRPORTS CHOSEN FOR PRECLEARANCE BY USA

Milan, 4 November 2016 – Malpensa has been selected by the government of the United States as one of 11 new airports around the world which will be able to carry out preclearance operations.



This means that all passengers flying from Milan to the United States will soon be able to undergo immigration checks at Malpensa, so that when they touch down in USA they can leave the airport straight away and thus avoid queues at passport control. If they are catching a connecting flight, they will not be required to collect their luggage.

After several inspections confirmed the organisational capacity of all the various bodies, the existence of sufficient space at the airport and the presence of staff members capable of assisting with the preclearance process, Malpensa was named among the 11 airports selected, with the Italian Ministry for Home Affairs approving the step.

“The announcement made by the United States Secretary of Homeland Security, Mr. Jeh Johnson, that Milan Malpensa is one of 11 airports around the world to have been deemed suitable for running preclearance operations (US passport checks) is a source of great pride for us. It represents another sign that we are moving in the right direction,” said SEA president Pietro Modiano.

“In recent years,” continued Modiano, “we have focused on improving Malpensa to ensure the standard of the services we provide lives up to passenger expectations around comfort and quality. Meanwhile, we have also worked hard to offer the airlines operating out of our airport the latest equipment in the sector. The fact that passengers flying direct to the United States will go through immigration checks at Milan Malpensa – something that will happen in only a few other airports around the world – is another boost for Milan and its ambitions and potential. All airports have this responsibility towards their city and local area.”