

# **EU VALIDATORS' ASSOCIATION FOR AVIATION SECURITY (EVAAS)**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

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### **Confidentiality**

EVAAS is committed to maintaining the highest degree of integrity in all its dealings with its members, the European Commission, Member States' regulatory authorities, Industry associations and other bodies, government and industry working groups, and non-member EU aviation security validators. This applies particularly, but not exclusively, to normal commercial confidentiality, and the protection of all personal information received in the course of the Association's business. The same standards are extended to all members' customers and associates.

### **Personal and Commercial Information**

When handling personal or commercial information about members, customers or other third party entities, and others with whom the Association has dealings, EVAAS will observe the following principles:

- Collect, use and retain only the information necessary for the Association's business;
- Retain the information only for as long as necessary or as required by law, and protect the security of this information to the best of the Association's ability; and
- Limit access to personal and commercial information only to those with a legitimate business reason for seeking that information, and obtain the consent of the person or entity concerned before externally disclosing such information, unless legal process or contractual obligation provides otherwise.

### **Conflict of interest and anti-trust issues**

Due to the sensitive nature of our business, we will not discuss

- Pricing - including rates, service charges and commissions
- Bids on contracts or the allocation of customers
- Geographic/Product market allocations and marketing plans, including expanding or withdrawing from markets
- Group boycotts
- Standard-setting that could be construed as a group boycott or otherwise unreasonably restrain trade
- Relations with agents, airlines or other third party entities
- Anything aimed at influencing the independent business decisions of validators.

### **Professional conduct**

EVAAS will conduct all of its activities professionally and with integrity. We will take great care to be completely objective in any judgements we make and any recommendations that we give, so that issues are never influenced by anything other than the best and proper interests of our members, and in the interests of promoting professionalism, consistency, effectiveness and quality in the area of air cargo security validations.

### **Equality and discrimination**

We always strive to be fair and objective in our advice and actions, and we are never influenced in our decisions, actions or recommendations by issues of gender, race, creed, colour, age or personal disability.