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U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters Issues New Measure to Collect Better Delay Data

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters announced that the Department today issued a final rule to require airlines to report new and more complete data on the time passengers spend on the tarmac. She noted that in the past airlines sometimes did not have to disclose how long aircraft were delayed after leaving the gate.

The new rule will require airlines to provide complete on-time and tarmac delay data about flights that may depart from a gate more than once, flights that are cancelled after having left the gate and flights that are diverted to another airport.

The rule can be found on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' website at http://www.bts.gov/laws_and_regulations/docs/part234_4cy2008.html.

The new reports are expected to begin in October.

For more information about the Secretary's announcements, please visit <http://www.flightgridlocknow.gov/aviation/recent.htm>

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