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Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS)

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- Critical in the fight against trans-national crime, people smuggling and people trafficking
- Assists in managing increasing number of international travellers
- Facilitation of genuine travellers
- Prevents people entering countries fraudulently
- Enhanced regional and global security



Regional Movement Alert System

Strengthens collective capacity to confirm the validity and status of passports

A world-first in the real-time multilateral accessing of passport data

- Data accessed directly at its source
- Designed specifically for border control purposes



RMAS History

- Pilot commenced: September 2005
- Pilot purpose: ‘proof of concept’ of a system for multilateral access to lost and stolen passport databases
- Pilot objective: To strengthen the collective capacity of participating economies to detect lost and stolen passports in real-time without the need to pool data

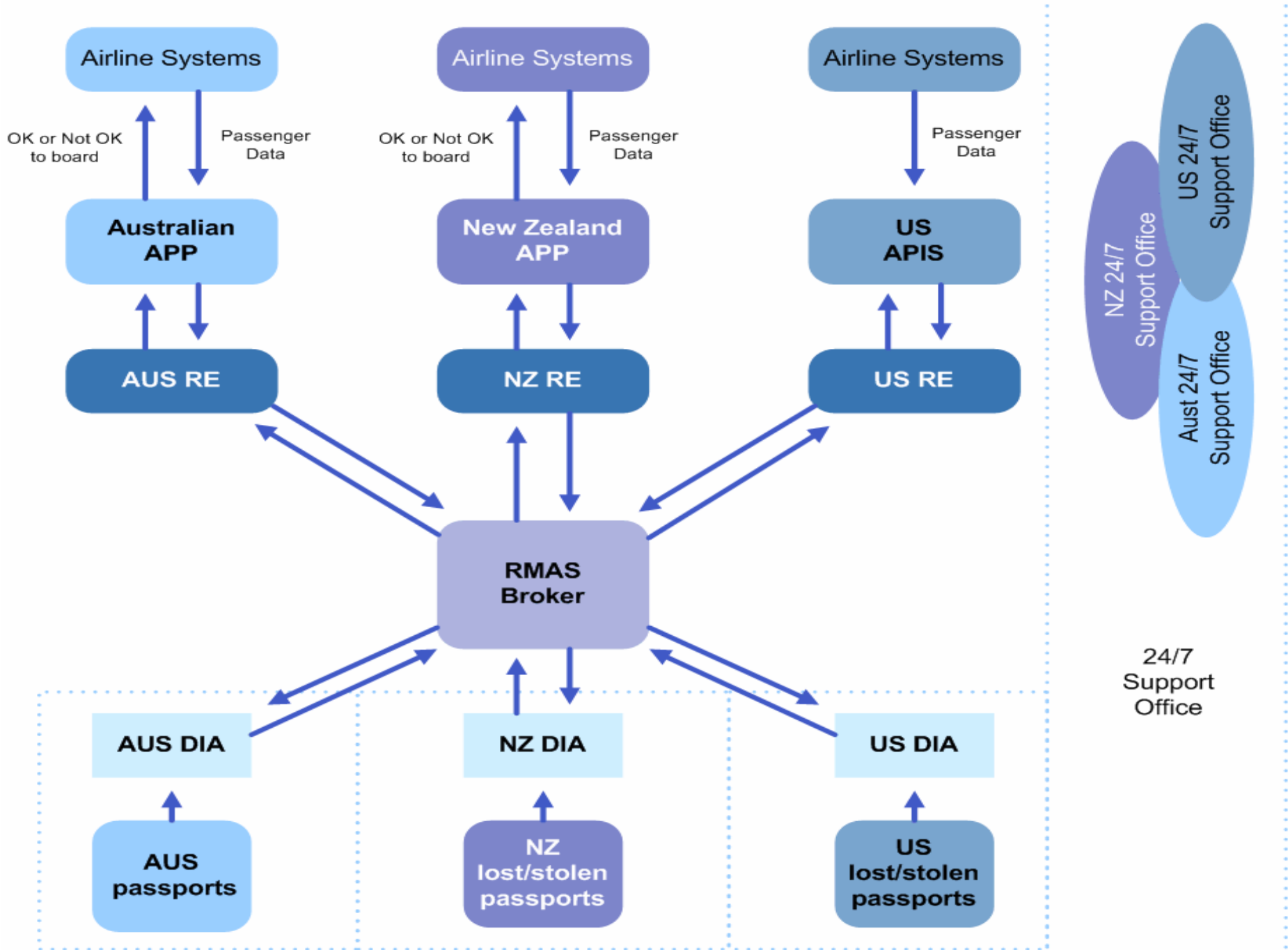
RMAS Legal Framework and Governance

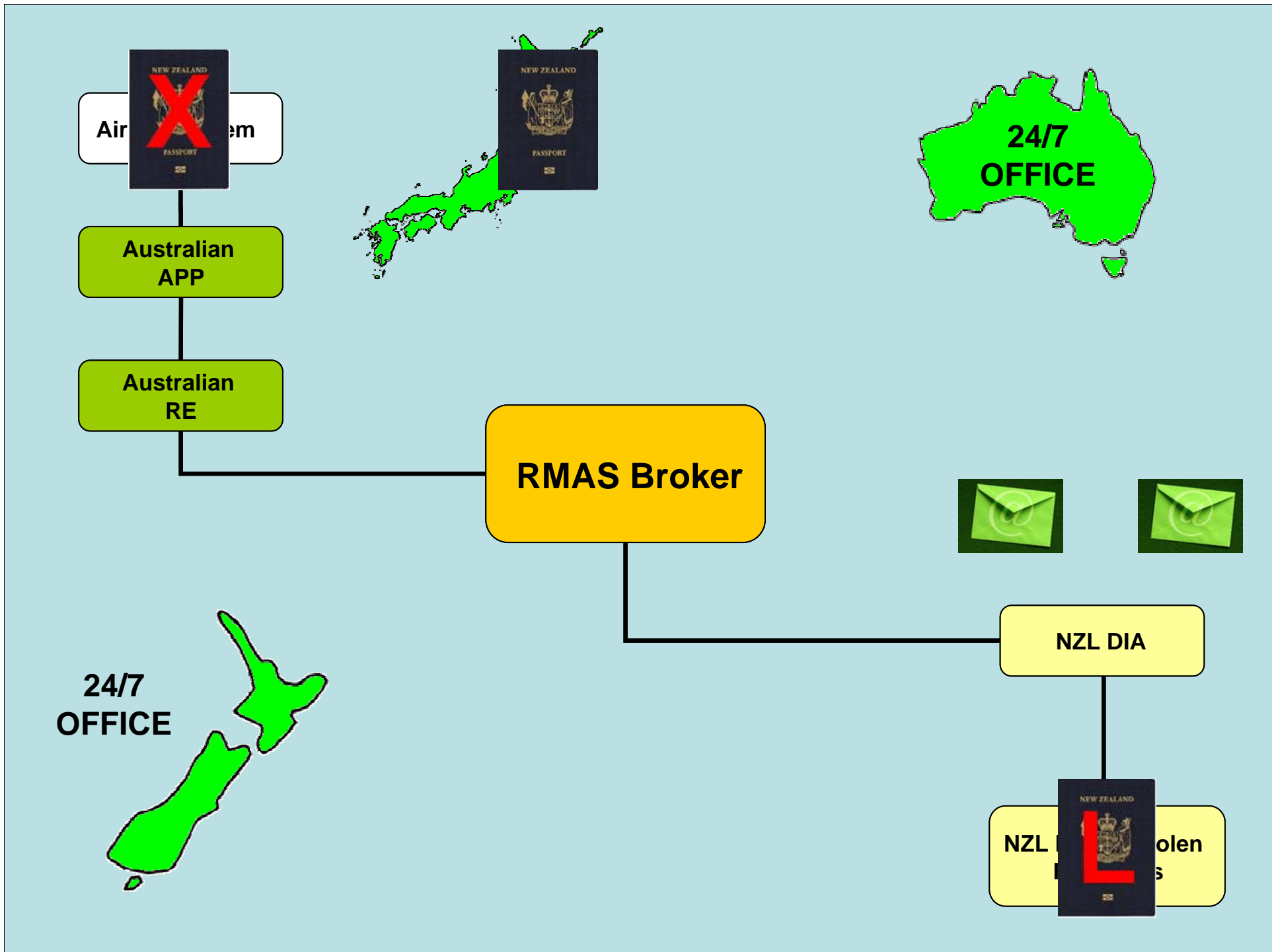
- Memoranda of Understanding between participating economies
- Governance arrangements
 - **Multilateral Framework sets out legal and operational requirements**
 - **Management Board provides strategic direction, standards and administration for the operation of RMAS**



Features of RMAS

- **Real-time access to passport data** - positive demonstration that economies can access each other's passport data in real-time through the use of the RMAS Broker
- **Seamless operation with existing border control systems** - RMAS operates seamlessly with existing border management systems
- **Effective support**
 - 24/7 operational support facilities effectively resolve RMAS notifications
 - Standard Operating Procedures minimise disruptions to business processes







RMAS Future Directions

- Checking passports against full passport databases to verify their authenticity and validity
- Expansion of RMAS to other APEC economies
- Inclusion of person alerts (watch lists)
- Access to biometric data/digitally stored passport photos



RMAS Information

- RMAS Guide
(<http://www.businessmobility.org/RMAL/RMAL.html>)
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