



MEMORANDUM

PAC/Reso/992

To: All Members, Passenger Agency Conference
Accredited Representatives

From: Director, FDS Operations, GDC

Date: **1 September 2023**

Subject: **MAIL VOTE (A623)**
PAC1 (Mail A623)
Proposal for Changes to Remittance Frequency for Agents in Ecuador and Venezuela

Background Information

Submitted by APJC Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

The 22nd Meeting of the APJC comprising Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela, was held on 7 June 2023. The APJC was briefed on PAC/45 decisions, Airline Risk Management Framework and the review of Days Sales at Risk Global Alignment with the Resolution.

The APJC noted and appreciated the information shared from the briefings. Regarding the Days Sales at Risk Global Alignment, the APJC was also briefed on the discussions retaken by PSG and PAPGJC during March and May 2023 with the aim to invite APJCs overseeing noncompliance markets to agree on a plan to move towards Resolution compliance.

The APJC, understanding that Ecuador and Venezuela remittance frequencies were not in compliance with the Resolution, each having a remittance frequency of 10-calendar days after the close of the billing period, while the Resolution requires remittance frequencies of 5-business days after the close of the billing period, was encouraged to discuss how to reach the required alignment, reviewing potential obstacles and agreeing to work together towards compliance.

APJC Agent delegates from Ecuador expressed the importance of proving the market with ample notice in order to permit Agents to address their portfolio of customers and commercial accounts ahead of the change and to prepare their businesses to ensure a successful transition in compliance with the required remittance frequency. In this regard, Agent delegates from Ecuador proposed 1 July 2024 as the date of alignment of remittance frequency for Ecuador.

APJC Agent delegates from Venezuela, understanding BSP-Venezuela operations have been suspended due to the political and financial conditions of the country, supported the 1 July 2024 date for remittance frequency alignment for Venezuela. The Venezuelan Agent delegates conveyed the importance of the alignment and expressed their support towards actions that would lead towards the reactivation of BSP Venezuela. They also expressed the important role the IATA Agency Accreditation Program still has in the country and that over 90% of the originally IATA Accredited Agents (264 Agent) continue accredited, settling IATA's Annual Fees and BSPLink Fees, in order to retain their accreditation status with IATA.

After supporting other comments from the airline delegates, the APJC unanimous approved **1 July 2024** as the date of alignment of remittance frequencies as per Resolution 812, for all Agents in Ecuador and Venezuela.

Proposed Solution

The APJC Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela unanimously approved change to the remittance frequency for Agents in Ecuador and Venezuela, **effective 1 July 2024**.

Additionally, the APJC requested that once the proposal is approved by PAConf, that IATA would dispatch market communications upon its approval and again, 3-months before implementation date.

Effective Date

The proposed effective date of these changes is 1 July 2024.

Proposed Action

Conference to adopt changes to the Remittance Frequency for Agents in Ecuador and Venezuela, effective 1 July 2024, where remittance frequency will be 5-business days after the end of the billing period.

The timetable for this Mail Vote is as follows:

Voting Period: 1 – 15 September 2023

Filing Period: 16 – 30 September 2023

Effectiveness: 1 July 2024

To cast a vote, Members are asked to access the application from the following [link](#).

Please note that no other form of voting will be accepted. Voting will conclude at close of business MAD time on **Friday, 15th September 2023**. Votes not cast by that deadline will be deemed to be affirmative.

In conformity with the Mail Vote procedure endorsed by PAConf in October 2009, this Mail Vote has been provided in advance to representatives of the agency associations ECTAA, UFTAA and WTAAA for review and/or comment.

Any Member seeking clarification on any aspect of the mail vote or the mail vote process is invited to contact the IATA Passenger Governance team by email to pac-gov@iata.org.



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