

RESOLUTION 850m

ISSUE AND PROCESSING OF AGENCY DEBIT MEMOS (ADMS)

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WHEREAS the Passenger Agency Conference (“the Conference”) wishes to promote a consistent and standard set of rules for BSP practices,

It is RESOLVED that the following principles will be followed,

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ADM serves to notify an Agent that unless there is some justification to the contrary, the Agent owes the issuing BSP Airline the amount shown on the ADM for the reasons indicated.

1.2 ADMs are a legitimate accounting tool for use by all BSP Airlines to collect amounts or make adjustments to Agent transactions in respect of the issuance and use of Standard Traffic Documents issued by the Agent. Alternative uses of ADMs may exist provided that consultation has taken place either individually with the Agent or a local representation of Agents, or through the applicable local joint consultative forum.

1.3 ADMs are to be specific in their detail as to why a charge is being made.

1.4 BSPlink (ASD in China) is mandated as the exclusive medium through which ADMs must be billed and disputed.

2. AIRLINE POLICY

- △ 2.1 Airlines are required to publish, and maintain their ADM policies to Agents through BSPlink (ASD in China), which will send a system alert of any changes to ADM policies to the Agents in advance of implementation.

2.2 Where possible the model shown in the Attachment to this Resolution should be applied.

3. BSP PROCESSING OF ADMS

3.1 ADMs shall only be processed through the BSP if issued within nine months of the final travel date. ADMs referring to refunds made by the Agent shall be processed through the BSP if issued within nine months after such refund has been made by the Agent. Any debit action initiated beyond this period shall be handled directly between the BSP Airline and the Agent.

- △ 3.2 ADMs/ACMs may be processed through the BSP, for a maximum period of 30 days following default action taken against an Agent in accordance with [Resolution 812 Section 6.9](#) and [818g, Attachment 'A', Section 1.10](#).

4. ISSUANCE PRINCIPLES

4.1 Airlines should consider establishing policies for a minimum value for the issuance of a single ADM. Where such minimum is established it may be published to Agents.

4.2 In principle ADMs should not be raised for the collection of administration fees.

4.3 If there is an administrative cost associated with the raising of an ADM it should be incorporated in the same ADM document raised for the adjustment. The inclusion of the administration fee must be communicated to the agent.

4.4 Airlines shall provide Agents with the phone or fax number and email address of a person or department that has knowledge of the concerned ADM.

△ **4.4.1** Whenever applicable, a BSP Airline will provide the Related Document Number (RTDN) to which the ADM relates in order for BSPLink (ASD in China) to display the values of Fare Calculation Mode Indicator (FCMI) or Data Input Status Indicator (DISI) for Refund transactions.

4.5 An Agent shall have a maximum of 15 days in which to review and dispute an ADM prior to its submission to BSP for processing.

4.6 all disputes are to be settled by the Airline within 60 days of receipt.

4.7 If it is established that an ADM is not valid it must be cancelled.

△ **4.8** Where erroneously issued ADMs are withdrawn by BSP Airlines or refunded to the Agent, any administration fee that may have been levied will be withdrawn, or refunded to the Agent. In the event the ADM is withdrawn or the amount is reduced due to any reason other than it was issued by mistake, the application of an administration fee shall be agreed between the Agent and the BSP Airline concerned.

4.9 Following consultation and if both parties agree a disputed ADM may be referred to the Travel Agency Commissioner to be resolved.

△ **4.10** An ADM that has been included in the BSP billing will be processed for payment. Any subsequent dispute of such ADM, must be dealt according to the applicable Passenger Sales Agency Rules.

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Attachment ‘A’

MODEL ADM INDUSTRY PROCEDURES

1. DESCRIPTION

1.1 ADMs are a legitimate accounting tool for use by all BSP Airlines and should only be used to collect amounts or make adjustments to agent transactions in respect of the issuance and use of Traffic Documents issued by or at the request of the Agent.

1.2 Alternative uses of ADMs may exist provided that consultation has taken place either individually with the Agent or through the applicable local joint consultative forum.

1.3 ADMs are to be specific in their detail as to why a charge is being made.

1.4 Any ADM relates to a specific transaction only, and may not be used to group unrelated transactions together, however, more than one charge can be included on one ADM if the reason for the charge is the same, and a detailed supporting list is provided with the ADM.

1.5 In the event an airline decides to apply a charge for under-collection or incorrect ticketing on a sale or for the adjustment of a refund issued incorrectly or incorrectly calculated, such charges must be clearly explained in the carriers published ADM policy or must be agreed with Agents bilaterally in writing.

1.6 No more than one ADM should be raised in relation to the same original ticket issuance. When more than one ADM is raised in relation to the same ticket it shall be specified for a different adjustment to previous issues.

1.7 All rejected or disputed ADMs must be handled by BSP Airlines in a timely manner.

1.8 Except where otherwise agreed in a market ADMs should not be used to collect third party costs not directly associated with the initial ticket issuance of a passenger journey.

1.9 When ADMs are raised for administration fees the level of such fees should be commensurate with the cost of the work incurred.

1.10 When the Agent has used an automated pricing system to generate the total ticket price including fare, tax, fees and charges specific to the purchase, and subsequent issuance, of a ticket for a journey, and there has been absolutely no manipulation by the Agent, on such price the ticketing systems shall send a Fare Calculation Mode Indicator (FCMI) to the airline, in accordance with the provisions of IATA PSC Resolutions 722f and 722g, to identify automated pricing has been used. The airline shall ensure the FCMI indicator is passed to an Agent in the event an ADM is issued.