Baggage Services Sub Groups

Designed for

- Baggage Handling Processes, incl. off-airport, door-to-door delivery
- Baggage Messaging (BIX)
- Radio Frequency Identification Device RFID on baggage solutions
- Baggage Prorates Handling

Areas of Activity

- Baggage processes - automation, efficiency (reduce mishandling, exception-based baggage handling)
- Baggage quality - measurement of baggage performance
- Innovation in baggage products - tracking, baggage repository, new data XML, electronic receipts, customs, and bio pre-clearance
- Approval and Certification of Baggage Labels, Re-usable baggage labels, Electronic and Permanent Baggage Tags
- Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) technology
Exclusive Access to Meetings & Work Groups

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BAGGAGE OPERATIONS AND PROCESSES SUB WORKING GROUP (BOP)
The BOP Sub Working Group will look after the standards for processes and procedures for areas such as the UNAR process that allows unaccompanied bags to travel, Home Office Hotel (HOH) services for baggage or Off Airport Baggage Operations.

PRO-RATES SUB WORKING GROUP (PRO)
The PRO Sub Working Group tackles the industry issue of pro-rating of baggage claims. When a bag is mishandled then the cost to recover that bag is shared between airlines. The rules that are in place today are not well understood and are hard to automate, so this group is working on a simplified set of pro-rate rules that could be used by airlines and also at the future development in the baggage proration area.

MODERN BAGGAGE MESSAGING SUB WORKING GROUP (BIX)
The airline industry is moving from type B messaging framework to XML data standards. This group is delivering the guidance that could facilitate this transition and help with the Baggage XML Implementation. There are different streams within this sub-group: Technical Solutions (Baggage Broker), Editorial Board (maintaining the standard), Test Node and Directory Services as well as Business Implementation stream.

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