Baggage Services Sub Groups

Designed for

▪ Baggage handling process
▪ Baggage messaging
▪ Radio Frequency Identification Device RFID on baggage solutions

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
▪ Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) technology

Baggage Services Structure
Exclusive Access to Meetings & Work Groups

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ELECTRONIC BAGGAGE TAG SUB WORKING GROUP
This group leads the industry in defining the standards and implementation related to electronic baggage tag that can be used in an interline environment and on any airline regardless of the issuer of the baggage tag. The group looks at topics like TID/GUID identifiers, block architectures or transmitting devices in aircraft.

PRO-RATES SUB WORKING GROUP
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.

BAGGAGE XML SUB WORKING GROUP
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.

RFID SUB WORKING GROUP
The RFID Sub Working Group has been established in order to develop RFID for the industry in 2 key areas:

- Enable a common level of performance between RFID tags and systems regardless of the origin and taking in account different antenna designs, different reader infrastructures, different RFID environments and conditions.
- Describe the use of reusable RFID in passenger and airline processes for future baggage tagging

Benefits
- Participate in, sponsor and exhibit at the IATA Industry Conferences/Events
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