

MEMORANDUM

PAC/RESO/1024

To: All Members, Passenger Agency Conference
Accredited Representatives

From: Director, FDS Operations, GDC

Date: 31 October 2023

Subject: **MAIL VOTE (A655)**
PAC1 (Mail A655)
Proposal for Changes to Remittance Frequency for Agents in Argentina and Uruguay

Background Information

Submitted by APJC Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay

The 28th Meeting of APJC Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay, was held on 17 August 2023. This third APJC meeting during 2023 was scheduled, as agreed by the Joint Council, to continue the advancement of discussions towards the alignment of the BSP Remittance Frequency with the provisions of Resolution 812, for Agents in Argentina and Uruguay, from the current remittance of 10 days after the close of the reporting period, down to 5-business days after the close of the reporting period.

The APJC reviewed actions agreed at its previous meeting, held on 9 June 2023, where the Joint Council unanimously approved the alignment of the remittance frequency with the resolution for Agents in Paraguay, effective 1 October 2024, submitting their proposal to PAConf for adoption via Mail Vote.

The APJC then proceeded to resume the discussion on remittance frequency changes for Agents in Argentina and Uruguay. The Joint Council acknowledged the continuing complex economic and financial conditions affecting Argentina while Uruguay remained a stable market. Agent and airline members of the APJC voiced their respective concerns aiming to agree on the most viable timeline to adopt these changes for Argentina and Uruguay.

Various timeline options were discussed until a motion was presented by an airline member of the APJC proposing the implementation of remittance changes in Argentina and Uruguay, as of 1 January 2025. This motion aimed to accommodate concerns raised by each constituency and provided ample notice to the markets to accommodate to the shorter remittance frequencies.

The motion was well received by both constituencies, and the Joint Council moved to vote on this motion. All Agent members of the APJC and all airline members of the APJC, except for one airline abstaining, voted in favor of changing the remittance frequency from 10 calendar days after the close of the reporting period to 5 business days after the close of the reporting period, for all Agents in **Argentina and Uruguay, effective 1 January 2025.**

Agent members of the APJC reminded IATA that all Billing Analysis and Billing Reports must be received by Agents by not later than 48 hours after the close of the period once the change to remittance frequency came into effect. Agents reiterated that failure by IATA to provide those

reports within the 48 hours prescribed in the IATA rules, Agents would object to the implementation of the remittance change since, at present, these reports were only available 72 to 96 hours after the close of the reporting period.

The Secretariat reiterated the Billing Analysis and Billing Reports would be available to agents latest 48 hours after the close of the reporting period. The Secretariat also advised that currently, Agents using the Streamline and Lean versions of the new BSPLink, already had online access to sales data 24 hours after the close of each ticketing day.

The APJC then proceeded to address changes to the Local Financial Criteria for Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay, resulting from the adoption of the reduced remittance frequency. The amendments to the local financial criteria for each country were unanimously approved by the APJC.

Effective Date

The proposed effective date of these changes is **1 January 2025**.

Proposed Action

Conference to adopt alignment of Remittance Frequency **from 10 calendar days after the close of the reporting period to 5 business days** after the close of the reporting period, for all Agents in Argentina and Uruguay, as follows:

- **Argentina and Uruguay – effective 1 January 2025**

Voting Period: 31 October-15 November 2023

Filing Period: 16-30 November 2023

Effectiveness: **1 January 2025**

To cast a vote, Members are asked to access the application from the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GNaQBqexpH>

Please note that no other form of voting will be accepted. Voting will conclude at close of business MAD time on **Wednesday, 15 November 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.

No comments were received.

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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