

□ RESOLUTION 010**INTERPRETATION AND HIERARCHY OF RULES PERTAINING TO THE SALES AGENCY PROGRAMME**

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WHEREAS Resolution 824 provides for a form of Passenger Sales Agency Agreement to be adopted and implemented by the Agency Administrator;

WHEREAS Section 2 of Resolution 824 stipulates the Rules, Resolutions and other provisions deemed to be incorporated by reference in the said Passenger Sales Agency Agreement;

WHEREAS Resolution 824, as well as said Rules, Resolutions and other provisions may be amended from time to time by the Conference;

WHEREAS the Conference wishes to clarify the rules of interpretation and the hierarchy that applies to such Rules, Resolutions and other provisions;

WHEREBY it is hereby RESOLVED as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

the definitions of terms and expressions used in this Resolution are contained in Resolution 866.

2. APPLICATION

this Resolution applies, unless an express contrary intention appears, to all Rules, Resolutions and other provisions of the Agency Programme, whether enacted before or after the commencement of this Resolution.

3. AUTHORITY OF CONFERENCE

3.1 the authority to enact, amend or repeal any of the Rules, Resolutions or other provisions incorporated in the Passenger Sales Agency Agreement lies exclusively with the Conference. The Agency Administrator, IATA, the Carriers, the Airlines, the Agents and the Travel Agency Commissioners are all bound by the decisions of the Conference regarding the Agency Programme.

3.2 notwithstanding the above, the Conference may, from time to time, delegate by Resolution power to IATA, to the ISS Management, or to the Agency Administrator, (as well as delegate to the Agency Programme Joint Council the power to make recommendations to the Conference) including, without limitation, that the Conference has delegated to the Agency Administrator the responsibility and power to manage the Agency Programme in accordance with the Members' rules and resolutions, as well as the autonomy to act in extraordinary circumstances. Any such delegation of power shall be deemed to include such ancillary power as is reasonably necessary to

enable the relevant person or entity to act. Where a power is conferred to adopt rules or provisions or to set standards, the power shall be construed as including a power to repeal, amend or vary the rules, provisions or standards and the power to make others.

4. HIERARCHY OF SOURCES

4.1 the following hierarchy of sources of rights and obligations continues to apply in connection with the Agency Programme:

- 1st. any Applicable Law;
- 2nd. the form of Passenger Sales Agency Agreement embodied in Resolution 824;
- 3rd. any contractual document specifically executed by the Agent and by IATA, acting on behalf of the Carriers;
- 4th. all other Resolutions of the Conference contained in the Travel Agent's Handbook;
- 5th. any Local Financial Criteria, as approved by the Conference; and
- 6th. any and all applicable rules and provisions included in the BSP Manual for Agents.

4.2 in the event of any inconsistency between two sources of rights and obligations with respect to any matter specifically dealt with by both, the provisions of the higher-ranking source governs. In such a case, the inferior-ranking source remains in force but simply does not apply to the extent of the inconsistency.

4.3 in case of inconsistency between two sources of equal ranking, the most recently-enacted instrument prevails.

4.4 the Conference may exceptionally provide that a source of inferior ranking, such as a Local Financial Criteria, will prevail, but such provision by the Conference must be explicit and it can never be inferred or presumed.

5. ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS OF RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolutions come into force at the time that they are declared to be effective by the Conference and provided to the Agent in accordance with Resolution 824. They remain in effect and apply to facts, circumstances and situations arising thereafter and shall not have retroactive effect.

5.2 every Resolution shall be so construed as to reserve to the Conference the power of rescinding or amending it. Where a Resolution is rescinded or amended in whole or in part, the rescission or amendment does not affect the previous operation of the Resolution so rescinded or anything duly done or suffered thereunder, or affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued, accruing or incurred prior to the deemed effective date of such rescission or amendment. All rules and provisions adopted under the rescinded Resolution remain in force and are deemed to have been made under the new Resolution, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the

