To: All Members, Passenger Agency Conference
   Accredited Representatives

From: Director, FDS Operations, GDC

Date: 01 September 2023

Subject: MAIL VOTE (A633)
   PAC123 (Mail A633)
   BSP REMITTANCE DATE WHEN CLEARING BANK IS CLOSED

Background Information

Since the increased internet use in the 1990s, major banks started developing online platforms to facilitate customers with their banking services without having to physically visit a bank’s branch. This technology was further developed in the 2000s with mobile banking, allowing customers to access their bank accounts from smartphones.

In many (if not most) BSP markets, agents are remitting through electronic funds transfers (EFT) and/or direct debit (DD) and have completely removed the use of cheques. Therefore, the objective of this proposal is to take advantage of digital banking in those BSP markets where the entire agent community is remitting through EFT and/or DD, acknowledging that it is no longer required to delay remittances where the Clearing Banks’ branches are closed for business so long as online or Direct Debit payment options remain available.

In a market where cheques remain a valid form of remittance, Agents must ensure that the cheques are submitted sufficiently in advance of the Remittance Date to meet their obligations in the Resolutions below - or must exceptionally use EFT or DD where these are available to ensure timely remittance.

Acknowledging that EFT/DD may result in transfers made outside of the standard “close of business”, this term has been removed such that payment at any time on or before the relevant Remittance Date is acceptable.

Proposed Solution

To amend Resolution 812, Section 6.5.3.9 as follows:

6.5.3.8 The Agent must, in all cases, use a method of remittance which ensures that Cleared Funds are received in the Clearing Bank account no later than its close of business on the Remittance Date established under the provisions of this section 6.5.3.

6.5.3.9 If the Clearing Bank is closed for all business [including business transacted through its online platform or Direct Debit] on the Remittance Date established under the provisions of this section 6.5.3, the remittance must be made by the Agent so that Cleared Funds are in the Clearing Bank account no later than its close of business on the first subsequent day that the Clearing Bank is open for any method of business.

To amend Resolution 818g, Attachment ‘A’, Section 1.6.2.1 (e) as follows:
1.6.2.1(e) if the Clearing Bank is closed for all business (including business transacted through its online platform or Direct Debit) on the day on which the Remittance is required to reach the Clearing Bank under the provisions of Subparagraph 1.6.2 if applicable, the Remittance shall be made by the Agent so that Cleared Funds are in the Clearing Bank account before its close of business on the first subsequent day when the Clearing Bank is open for any method of business;

To amend Resolution 832 Section 1.6.2.2 as follows:

1.6.2.2 if the Clearing Bank is closed for all business (including business transacted through its online platform or Direct Debit) on the day on which the remittance is required to reach the Clearing Bank under the provisions of Subparagraph 1.6.2, the remittance shall be made by the Agent so as to reach the Clearing Bank before its close of business on the first subsequent day when the Clearing Bank is open for any method of business;

On 29th March 2023, PSG/129 endorsed the proposed changes in the Resolutions.

Proposed Action
Conference to adopt the proposed changes to the Resolutions with effectiveness date 1 October 2023.

The timetable for this Mail Vote is as follows:
Voting Period: 01 September – 15 September 2023
Filing Period: 16 September – 30 September 2023
Effectiveness: 01 October 2023.

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

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

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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