

# MEMORANDUM PAC/RESO/1067

To: All Members, Passenger Agency Conference

**Accredited Representatives** 

From: Director, FSDS Operations, GDC

Date: 15 July 2025

Subject: MAIL VOTE (A698)

**PAC2 (Mail A698)** 

INTRODUCTION OF VOLUNTARY MORE FREQUENT REMITTANCE FREQUENCY IN BSP

**TUNISIA** 

# **Background Information**

Tunisia APJC convened on May 21, 2025, to deliberate on the remittance frequency within the market and to consider the introduction of the Voluntary More Frequent Remittance (VMFR) as an additional option alongside the existing fortnightly remittance cycle set out in Resolution 812, Section 6.5.3.

# Composition of APJC Tunisia:

Airlines: 9 members

Travel Agents: 9 members

#### Attendance:

Airlines: 8 members present

Travel Agents: 7 members present

A quorum was achieved with the presence of 8 Airlines and 7 Travel Agents.

#### Voting Outcome:

The proposal to introduce VMFR did not receive sufficient positive votes during the meeting.

The voting results were as follows:

In favor: 8 Airlines, 4 Travel Agents

Against: 3 Travel Agents

Due to the absence of some members, the APJC decided to rerun the vote through a Mail Vote.

The results of the Mail Vote were as follows:

In favor: 9 Airlines, 5 Travel Agents

Against: 4 Travel Agents

The proposal was adopted with a majority of positive votes.

#### **Proposed Action**

Conference to adopt changes to the Local Financial Criteria as shown in Attachment 'A' and changes in Attachment 'I' of the Resolution 812 as follows:

Operation	Frequency	Number of Days in a Sales Period	End of Sales Period to Remittance Date
Tunisia	Twice per month	15	15
<u>Tunisia</u>	Four times per Month	Refer to BSP Calendar	<u>7</u>

## **Effective Date**

The proposed effective date of these changes is 1 September 2025.

The timetable for this Mail Vote is as follows:

Voting Period: 15-29 July 2025 Filing Period: 30 July-13 August 2025 Effectiveness: 1 September 2025

To cast a vote, Members are asked to access the application from the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/VWCHtf82QM.

Please note that no other form of voting will be accepted. Voting will conclude at close of business MAD time on **Tuesday, 29 July 2025**. 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 <a href="mailto:pac-gov@iata.org">pac-gov@iata.org</a>.

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#### **TUNISIA**

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#### 1. GENERAL RULE

- **1.1** An Agent must provide Audited Accounts to IATA. Audited Accounts means accounts reviewed by an auditor recognized as competent by a regulatory authority in the country to perform an audit.
- **1.2** Agencies will need to apply online on the IATA Customer Portal where all need documentations in accordance with the local legislations are listed.

#### 2. CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF AGENTS ACCOUNTS

- 2.1 All financial information used in the financial review will be extracted from the Agent's Audited Accounts.
- 2.2 The following financial tests apply to the evaluation of an Agent's Audited accounts:
- **2.2.1** There must be a positive Net Equity.
- 2.2.2 There must be a positive net profit.
- 2.2.3 Net Equity divided by Long Term Debt and other Long-Term Liabilities must be greater than 0.5.
- **2.2.4** EBITDA (Earnings before Interest, Taxation, Depreciation, Amortization, and extraordinary items) must be positive.
- 2.2.5 The EBITDA must exceed the Interest Payable by a factor of a minimum of two.
- **2.2.6** There must be a positive net worth.
- **2.2.7** The liquidity ratio must be greater than 1.
- **2.2.8** The collection period of accounts receivable must not exceed an average of 35 days.
- 2.2.9 The Current Assets must be in excess of the Risk Amount as per Section 4.3.2
- **2.2.10** The Net Cash Position (Cash balance including short term investment short term financial debt) must be positive.
- 2.2.11 The Net equity / total assets must be greater than 0.5.
- **2.3** An agent will obtain a satisfactory result of the annual financial review when all above criteria listed in 2.2 are met.

#### 3. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEWS

- **3.1** All Applicants must provide Audited Accounts not more than 12 months old at the time of accreditation application to become an Agent to be assessed in accordance with section 2 of these criteria.
- **3.2** If an Agent has been in business for less than 12 months at the time of accreditation application, an audited opening balance sheet must be provided.
- **3.3** All Agents must provide an Audited Accounts for the last financial year, no later than 6 months, or as required by legislation, of that Agent for the purposes of evaluation against the financial tests in Section 2 of this criteria.

# 4. FINANCIAL SECURITY

- **4.1** An agent will not be accredited or will not continue to be accredited until IATA receives the financial security issued by the organization, a validation by written confirmation of the authenticity of the said financial security issued
- **4.2** Financial Securities will be subject to a minimum notice of termination period on the part of the Financial Security Provider of ninety (90) days and ideally be valid for an unlimited period but will be expected to be valid for a minimum of at least one year.
- **4.3** For the purposes of calculating the amount of a Financial Security the following definitions apply:

**4.3.1** Days' Sales at Risk means the number of days from the beginning of the agent's Reporting Period to the remittance in respect of the reporting period plus a margin of five days.

Frequency of Remittance	Days' Sales at Risk	Days in Reporting period
Bimonthly (Fortnightly)	35	15
VMFR (Four times per month)	<u>21</u>	<u>7</u>

#### **4.3.2** Amount at Risk is calculated as follows:

"Amount at Risk"	=	"Days' Sales at Risk" × BSP Cash Turnover in applicable 3 highest reporting periods in the last 12 months	_
		Days in reporting period × 3	

- 4.4 All Financial Securities must be provided per the format provided by IATA.
- **4.5** If an existing Financial Security is insufficient to cover the Amount at Risk, the amount of the Financial Security required will be increased to cover the Amount at Risk.
- 4.6 The minimum Financial Security required from all IATA Accredited Agents is TND 50,000.00
- 4.6.1 Agents with Risk Status A:

Agents are required to provide a Financial Security covering 50% of their Amount at Risk calculated as per Section 4.3.2, subject to a minimum of TND 50,000.00/- whichever is higher.

4.6.2 Agents with Risk Status B:

Agents are required to provide a Financial Security covering 100% of their Amount at Risk calculated as per Section 4.3.2, subject to a minimum of TND 50,000.00/- whichever is higher.

**4.6.3** Financial Security for agent with Risk Status C:

RHC=Financial Security. The Remittance Holding Capacity (RHC) will be equal to Financial Security and must be not lower than TND 50,000.00.

# 5. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THESE CRITERIA

**EBITDA-**Earnings before Interest, Taxation, Depreciation and Amortisation.

**Financial Review** means a review of an Agent's financial position or the calculation of the amount of Financial Security required in accordance with this local Financial Criteria.

#### Net Equity or Shareholders'/owners' Funds-Consists of:

- -Share capital
- -Share Premium
- -Retained earnings
- -Other distributive reserves
- -Shareholder's loans if subordinated less declared dividends

**Long Term Debt-**All debt liabilities where repayment is due more than twelve months after the end of the financial period.

**Long Term Liabilities-**all liabilities where repayment is due more than twelve months after the end of the financial period.