NDC InFocus

+ How to report your NDC sales through the BSP

▶▷▶ WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

With NDC, the airlines may want to benefit or continue benefiting from the current BSP (Billing and Settlement Plan). The BSP is a system designed to facilitate and simplify the selling, reporting and remitting procedures of IATA Accredited travel agents, as well as improve financial control and cash flow for airlines (including streamlined risk management features with the New-Gen ISS program).

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How does it work?

NDCLink is a service available only to BSP participants (IATA members and non-members). The airline must be NDC Level 3 certified and participate in each BSP in the countries in which it plans to report its agency NDC transactions (as described below).

NDClink provides the airlines with a real-time, seamless and cost efficient process to report their NDC sales for billing and settlement in the BSP. Once NDC sales are received, NDClink sends them to the respective BSPs, where they are processed and settled according to BSP standard schedules and policies.
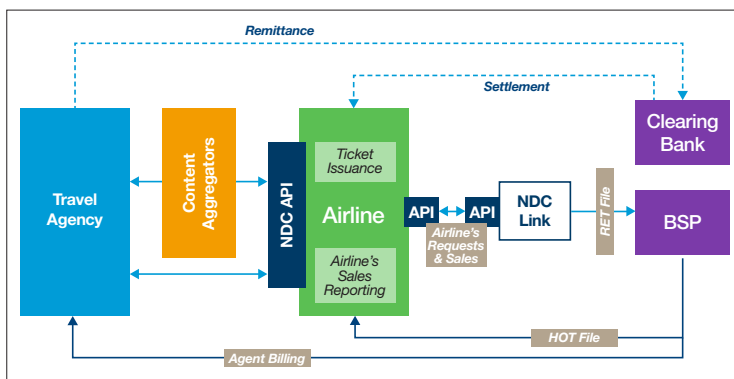
What are the key capabilities?

NDClink provides a set of APIs powered by the IATA Financial Gateway that is allowing airlines to send information and receive responses for their NDC transactions in real-time. This includes:

▷ **Before ticket issuance:** For every NDC transaction, the airline submits a real-time request using an API and receives a reply which allows the airline to issue the ticket. This request will validate:

- ‣ Agent's status in BSP (whether they are active or in default)
- ‣ Available Ticketing Authority

Starting June 2018 and once deployed in the respective BSPs, the request will also validate:
- ‣ If the agent has the right to use the requested form of payment (FOP) in the BSP based on the New Agent Accreditation Model of NewGenISS
- ‣ The Agent's Remittance Holding Capacity (RHC)
- ‣ If the agent is allowed to use IATA EasyPay as a FOP and if sufficient funds are available on the agent's IATA EasyPay account
- ‣ Airline's own card payment consent for a given agent available once Transparency in Payment (TIP) agent profile is deployed

▷ **At the time of reporting sales:** The airline is reporting issued documents to NDClink using a real-time API. NDClink will create the reporting file containing the transactions (RET file) and submit it to the BSP. Airlines will subsequently receive a transactions report (HOT file) summarizing all NDC transactions along with traditional BSP sales.

What are the costs?

There is a one-off implementation fee. The transaction fees for the NDCLink services are included and fully integrated into the BSP's Standard Charging Unit (SCU) for "core processing".

▶▷▶ INDUSTRY STATE OF PLAY

IATA has been actively working to ensure that the BSP and other IATA solutions are integrating seamlessly for the benefit of the industry. As a result, we count 5 airlines in 28 BSPs processing their NDC sales.

Link to more detailed information

Get in touch with the IATA Financial Gateway team and request the NDCLink Implementation guide at: **IATA Customer Portal** or **ndclinkcs@iata.org**