



BSPlink AIRLINE & GDS NEWS

Welcome to the September 2014 Newsletter!

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BSPlink Enhancement for ADM Policy Enhancement

URGENT UPDATE: As part of changes to Resolution 850m approved by PaConf, effective as from 1 June 2014, it has been announced that airlines were required to have a link, in BSPlink (ASD in China), to their respective ADM policies in order to continue to be able to issue ADMs in BSPlink as mandated tool for debit memo processing.

Following requests from multiple airlines and in agreement with PaConf Chairman, the systemized mandation in BSPlink requiring airlines to publish a URL link to their ADM policy website is being deferred to 31st December 2014.



Development for Release on Tuesday, 30th September 2014

Phase I: Ticketing Authority Files XML

BSPlink will generate globally-consolidated ticketing authority information in XML format. The files will be delivered to the Airlines automatically every 2 hours.

This development will have two phases. The second phase will go into production with the October release of BSPlink.

Development for Release on Tuesday, 28th October 2014

PNRR Weblink Report

A 'csv' daily report containing transactions reported by carriers and accepted in WEblink will be generated for those airlines which had been configured via WEblink and for the agents with transactions for those companies.

Future Development

DISH 22

The BSPlink application will be modified to accept the new version of the Data Interchange Specifications Handbook, DISH22, which was published on 1st January 2014. The new changes will include, amongst others, modifications to the HOT loading process, the direct refund loading process ('ed' files), the BSPlink RET file generation and to the Weblink system.

"I've learned from experience that if you work harder at it, and apply more energy and time to it, and more consistency, you get a better result. It comes from the work." [Louis C.K.]



vMPD Sunset Communication

The IATA e-Services project supports the travel and tourism industry in facilitating the sales and collection of ancillary services through all distribution channels – including travel agents and online airline sales - using IATA's electronic miscellaneous document (EMD) standard.

EMD will become the new industry standard to replace current vMCO/vMPD document for services such as charges for ancillary services, amendment fees and refunds. Please note that vMCO is no longer accepted in IATA BSP. vMPD deadline was extended in all BSPs until June 30th, 2014.

In addition, the following BSPs will continue to accept vMPD until 31st October 2014:

- All BSPs in Latin America including Caribbean
- Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, Japan, Korea, Hong-Kong, Chinese Taipei, India, Sri Lanka
- Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Italy
- Gulf Area

For meeting the industry deadline please work closely with your IT/GDS partner(s) as well as informing your travel agents on your latest EMD development. For more information regarding the industry progresses please visit:

<http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/airline-distribution/e-services/Pages/index.aspx>

For other enquires please log on to IATA Customer Portal: <http://www.iata.org/customer-portal/Pages/index.aspx>



GDS Corner

Automated Ticketing Authority Files

1. As the GDS user had no option to assign GDS to all existing agents or to assign GDS to all new agents, within the GDS's Agent Management option, a new functionality and a new parameter have been created, as follows:

- A new functionality called "Assign GDS to all existing agents" which allows the GDS to add all active agents.
- A new parameter called "Assign all new agents" which, if enabled, will result in all new agents being automatically assigned the GDS.

2. The TA Global files have been modified to trigger DEL/ADD actions when the airline's abbreviation code is modified.

IATA Customer Service:
<http://www.iata.org/customer-portal/Pages/index.aspx>