

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Agreements Adopted by the Traffic  
Conferences of the International Air  
Transport Association

Docket OST-2008-

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS  
BY THE  
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

29 February 2008  
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Meeting site, date: Geneva, 18-20 February 2008

Intended Effective Date: 1 July 2008

Agreement: **TC23 Middle East, Africa-South West Pacific**  
Expedited Composite Resolutions  
**(Memo 0367 / 0365)**

Minutes: will be filed later

R1 047a  
R2 090  
R3 092

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to statements submitted by Member airlines of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the undersigned has been constituted to be their attorney-in-fact for filing with the Department of Transportation copies of agreements adopted by the IATA Traffic Conferences.

On their behalf, and pursuant to Sections 41308 and 41309 of Title 49 of the United States Code and Parts 303.03, 303.05 and 303.30(c) of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, I am filing with the Department this application for approval of an IATA agreement.

This agreement and related factual and explanatory material and documentation required by 14 C.F.R. 303.31 and Department and Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) precedent are contained in the IATA Traffic Conference documentation summarized above.

This agreement arises from the continuing process of Tariff Coordinating Conferences and was developed in the context of prior Department and CAB rulings addressing related resolutions which reflected regulatory and market conditions then in effect. Thus, the present agreement should be viewed as part of a dynamic process of IATA Member airline adjustment to governmental and economic factors.

On previous occasions, the Department has found such agreements to be consistent with the public interest when they do not result in fares or rates that are unlawful or injurious to competition in the markets at issue. Approval of the present agreement would not yield fares or rates that are unlawful or injurious to competition. Moreover, approval of this agreement, which reflects compromises among the differing economic and social philosophies of the many nations whose airlines are parties, will advance the public interest in maintaining good aviation relations with other countries.

We request early approval by the Department of the foregoing agreement, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41309, and the grant of full antitrust immunity, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41308.

The conferral of full antitrust immunity would be in the public interest and necessary for the transaction to proceed. This agreement is a product of the IATA Tariff Coordinating Conferences which the Department found to be anticompetitive but nevertheless approved and immunized in Order 85-5-32 (May 6, 1985) on foreign policy and comity grounds because such action is necessary to achieve the serious transportation need of maintaining good aviation relations with other countries and these benefits are not obtainable by reasonably available means having materially less anticompetitive effects.

This agreement concerns fares or rates between non-U.S. points and thus has at most indirect application in foreign air transportation. The U.S. authorities have recognized (e.g., Order 79-8-194, 30 August 1979) that the interests of sovereign nations in the conditions governing air transportation between them greatly exceed any that the U.S. might have by reason of U.S. airline, citizen or shipper participation. This agreement is not adverse to the public interest or in violation of the Act and, therefore, should be granted full immunity.

Respectfully submitted

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of this application or a summary notice thereof has been served by first class or priority mail on the following person

Chief, Transportation, Energy & Agriculture Section  
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Douglas Lavin

29 February 2008  
Date Served



22 February 2008

**M E M O R A N D U M**

PTC23 ME-TC3 0367  
PTC23 AFR-TC3 0365

TO: Members Participating in Tariff Coordinating Conferences (SP-5361)

FROM: Director, Passenger

SUBJECT: **TC23 Middle East, Africa-South West Pacific  
Expedited Composite Resolutions**  
Intended Effective Date: 1 July 2008

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**RESOLUTIONS - ADOPTED**

Attached are the TC23 Middle East, Africa – South West Pacific Composite Resolutions which were adopted at the above meeting for an intended effective date of 1 July 2008.

The filing period for the attached ends **29 March 2008**. Members are reminded of their obligations under Resolutions 001 and 006 to advise this office by the end of the filing period whether approval by their Government authorities is required and, if so, to accomplish the necessary filing formalities. The effective date will be declared in accordance with Resolutions 001 and 006, when all the known necessary Government approvals have been received.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT

**PASSENGER TARIFF COORDINATING CONFERENCE**

**TC23  
MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA-SOUTH WEST PACIFIC**

**GENEVA, 18-20 FEBRUARY 2008**

EXPEDITED EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 JULY 2008

047a	Provisions for Inclusive Tours	Amending	1
090	Individual Fares for Ship Crews	Amending	2
092	Student Fares	Amending	3



## PROVISIONS FOR INCLUSIVE TOURS

PTC23(153)047a				Amending
PTC123 (169) 047a				
Filing Period	Begins	29 February 2008	Intended Effectiveness	1 July 2008
	Ends	29 March 2008	Implementation	Indefinite
				Type B

RESOLVED that, Resolution 047a is amended as follows

Section C, Paragraph 6) is added

### SECTION C: TOUR PRICES AND FEATURES

- 1) the tours shall be paid for in full prior to commencement of travel
- 2) tours commencing in TC1 and TC3 shall provide for not less than six nights sleeping or hotel accommodation, unless otherwise agreed in the applicable fares Resolution; provided that this shall not apply in the case of
  - a) tours constructed with a fare the validity of which is less than seven days
  - b) tours for special events
- 3) tours commencing in TC2 shall provide for not less than six nights sleeping or hotel accommodation, unless otherwise agreed in the applicable fares Resolution; except where tours are
  - a) constructed with a fare
    - i) the maximum validity of which is less than seven days, subject to the applicable minimum selling price
    - ii) the minimum stay or earliest return of which is less than seven days, in which case such shorter minimum stay or earliest return requirement prevails, subject additionally to the minimum selling price
    - iii) the minimum stay or earliest return of which is more than seven days, in which case such longer minimum stay or earliest return requirement prevails, subject additionally to the minimum selling price

b) commenced and completed over weekends from Thursday 2000 hours to the next following Tuesday 0800 hours, subject to the applicable minimum selling price; except that where the fare applied requires a longer minimum stay or earlier return the latter shall prevail; provided that when fares are used for the promotion of weekend tours wholly within Europe, such tours shall commence on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays and return travel take place on Sundays, Mondays or Tuesdays of the same week

Exception: from Germany  
commenced and completed over weekends from either Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday to the next following Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, subject to the applicable minimum selling price; except that where the fare applied requires a longer minimum stay or earlier return the latter shall prevail

c) published and used in connection with a special event, subject to the applicable minimum selling price, except that where the fare applied requires a longer minimum stay or earlier return the latter shall prevail

- 4) in the event that the specific minimum tour price is not established in the applicable Tariff Conference Resolution, then the minimum tour price shall not be less than the lowest applicable fare for the type of service used available to the public on the same route
- 5) this Resolution shall not apply Within Europe
- 6) this Resolution shall not apply between Canada, USA and Europe
- 7) this Resolution shall not apply between Europe and South West Pacific
- 8) this Resolution shall not apply between Europe and South Asian Subcontinent
- 9) this Resolution shall not apply between Europe and Africa
- 10) this Resolution shall not apply between Europe and Middle East
- 11) this Resolution shall not apply between Mexico, Mid Atlantic, South Atlantic and Europe
- 12) this Resolution shall not apply between Europe and Japan, Korea
- 13) this Resolution shall not apply between between Europe and South East Asia
- 14) this Resolution shall not apply between between Middle East, Africa-South West Pacific



**INDIVIDUAL FARES FOR SHIPS' CREWS**

PTC23(153) <b>090</b>				Amending
PTC123 (169) <b>090</b>				
Filing Period	Begins	29 February 2008	Intended Effectiveness	1 July 2008
	Ends	29 March 2008	Implementation	Indefinite
				Type A

RESOLVED that, Resolution 090 is amended as follows

1 Paragraph 0) is amended

**0) APPLICATION**

- A) 1) **Application** economy class  
 one way trip  
 individual fares for ships' crews  
 except Within Europe,  
 between Canada, USA and Europe,  
 between Europe and South West Pacific,  
 between Europe and South Asian Subcontinent,  
 between Europe and Africa,  
 between Europe and Middle East,  
 between Mexico, Mid Atlantic, South Atlantic and Europe,  
 between Europe and Japan, Korea,  
 between Europe and South East Asia  
between Middle East, Africa-South West Pacific



**STUDENT FARES**

PTC23(153) <b>092</b>				Amending
PTC123 (169) <b>092</b>				
Filing Period	Begins	29 February 2008	Intended Effectiveness	1 July 2008
	Ends	29 March 2008	Implementation	Indefinite
				Type B

RESOLVED that, Resolution 092 is amended as follows

1 Paragraph 0) is amended

**0) APPLICATION**

A) 1) **Application**

- a) economy class  
one way, round, circle, origin open jaw trip  
student fares
  - i) TC1 from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay to North America
  - ii) within TC2 (except within Europe, between Lebanon and Western Africa, between Europe and Africa, between Europe and Middle East), TC3
  - iii) in TC12 (except between Canada, Mexico, USA, Mid Atlantic, South Atlantic and Europe)
  - iv) in TC23/123 (except between Europe and South West Pacific, South Asian Subcontinent, Japan, Korea, South East Asia, between Middle East, Africa and South West Pacific)



## **DESCRIPTION OF AGREEMENT**

**TC23 Middle East, Africa-South West Pacific**

**(Not applicable from/to USA, US Territories)**

**Effective 1 July 2008**

The TC23 Middle East, Africa - South West Pacific Conference met 18-20 February 2008 in Geneva to develop agreements intended effective 1 July 2008.

- Geographical restrictions introduced for the following Resolutions to restrict application between Middle East, Africa and South West Pacific

Resolution 047a – Provisions for Inclusive Tours

Resolution 090 – Individual Fares for Ship's Crews

Resolution 092 – Student Fares