

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Order 96-4-27  
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Action on IATA Agreement  
Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 12th day of April, 1996

**Docket:** OST-96-1191 1/

**Description:** The agreement amends recommended procedures governing the assignment of form codes and serial numbers to various types of IATA traffic documents. Although international interline standards for electronic ticketing are still under development, individual carriers have requested several area Bank Settlement Plans (BSPs) to handle the issuance of electronic tickets for on-line international travel and/or domestic interline travel. In order to do so, BSPs will need document form codes and serial numbers. Accordingly, the agreement permits the use of form codes and computer generated serial numbers, currently used in the automated printing of travel documents, for electronic tickets as well, until international interline standards are developed for electronic ticketing.

We do not find the recommended practice incorporated in the above docket to be adverse to the public interest or in violation of 49 U.S.C. 41309, provided that approval is subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

**Accordingly,** we approve and grant antitrust immunity to the agreement, subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

This order shall be effective and become the action of the Department of Transportation upon the expiration of ten days, unless within such period a petition for review is filed pursuant to 14 CFR 385.50 or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion. Such actions are subject to judicial review under 49 U.S.C. 46110.

Given the noncontroversial nature of this agreement and the availability of the above procedure, we are waiving the 21-day period prescribed by 14 CFR 303.42.

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1/ IATA memorandum MV/PSC/105, filed with the Department on March 27, 1996.

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