



Publishing Co. (ATPCO) as the source for all interlineable fares; and (3) amends Resolution 724a, which deals with overbooking issues, to add a standard notice concerning "Denied Boarding by Overbooking" which members must include with tickets in countries where denied boarding compensation rules are in place.

Other, new provisions established by the agreement include: a) Resolution 769, governing baggage tag issuer codes, whose purpose is to extend the life of the current baggage tag system, which depends upon two-character airline designators and three-digit accounting codes, in the event that airline designators and accounting codes are lengthened; b) R.P. 1740c, establishing specifications for the use of radio frequency (RF) identification technology to handle interline baggage; and (c) R.P. 1798, establishing guidelines, developed in cooperation with the World Health Organization and the International Organization for Migration, for carriers to follow in cooperation with local public health authorities when carriers unknowingly carry passengers with infectious diseases.

Most of the above-noted proposals involve non-substantive matters, essentially of a technical, editorial, or administrative nature, and appear to be in conformity with our substantive policies and concerns. As such, they raise no public interest issues, and will be approved.<sup>4/</sup>

However, we will not approve IATA's new notice on denied boarding compensation as provided for in Resolution 724a. This notice is neither commensurate nor compatible with the Department's explicit notice concerning denied boarding compensation set out in 14 CFR 250.11. IATA's notice, including the "optional text", is less detailed and less clear than the Department's notice requirements. It sets too low a standard, and we are concerned that if approved, it would become in practice the international standard, undermining the Department's Part 250 notice. Accordingly, we will disapprove Resolution 724a.

Section 41309 of the Code directs us to approve any agreement or modification of an agreement if we find that it will not substantially lessen competition, and is not adverse to the public interest or in violation of the Code. Except for the disapproved notice on denied boarding compensation, we find that the agreement in Docket OST-98-3316, as conditioned, is not adverse to the public interest, in violation of the Code, or likely to lessen competition substantially, and that it should be approved.

Furthermore, we conclude that the approved portions of the agreement should be granted immunity from the operation of the antitrust laws to the extent necessary to permit their implementation. In general, they amend existing provisions already approved and immunized by the Department. Where new provisions are created, they perform administrative and facilitatory functions similar to other resolutions that have been approved and immunized. As a result, none raises immunity issues not previously considered, and the conferral of immunity upon them is consistent with our policy of conferring immunity on amendments coextensively with the underlying agreements.

Pursuant to the authority duly assigned under the Department's Regulations 14 CFR 385.13:

1. We do not find that Resolutions R-1 through R-9 and R-11 through R-52 of the agreement in Docket OST-98-3316, as set forth in attached Appendix A, to be adverse to the public interest, in violation of the Code, or likely to lessen competition substantially, provided that approval is subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed; and
2. We find that Resolution R-10 of the agreement in Docket OST-98-3316, as set forth in attached Appendix B, to be adverse to the public interest and in violation of the Code.

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<sup>4/</sup> Nothing in our approval of IATA's new code-share notice provisions should be interpreted as modifying any of the requirements provided for in the Department's policy on airline designator code-sharing in 14 CFR 399.88 or in Department orders approving individual code-sharing agreements. In addition, the Department has a proposal to strengthen its current rules concerning airline disclosure of code-sharing arrangements to consumers pending in Docket OST-95-179.

**ACCORDINGLY,**

1. We approve R-1 through R-9 and R-11 through R-52 of the agreement in Docket OST-98-3316, as listed in the attached Appendix A, under 49 U.S.C. 41309, subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed;
2. We disapprove Resolution R-10 of the agreement in Docket OST-98-3316, as set forth in attached Appendix B; and
2. To the extent that R-1 through R-9 and R-11 through R-52 of the agreement in Docket OST-98-3316 are approved, we exempt any person affected by this order from the operation of the antitrust laws as provided in 49 U.S.C. 41308.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order, under 14 CFR 385.50, may file such petitions within ten days after the date of service of this order.

This order shall be effective and become the action of the Department of Transportation upon expiration of the above period, unless within such period a petition for review is filed or the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs gives notice that he will review this order on his own motion.

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<b><u>Docket</u></b> <b><u>OST-98-3316</u></b>	<b><u>IATA</u></b> <b><u>Designation</u></b>	<b><u>IATA Resolution Title</u></b>	<b><u>Expiry</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>
R-1	PSC(19)003	Standard Rescission Resolution	6/1/1998
R-2	PSC(19)720a	Passenger Ticket and Baggage Check-Issuance and Honoring Procedures (Amending)	Indefinite
R-3	PSC(19)722	Transitional Automated Ticket (TAT) (Amending)	Indefinite
R-4	PSC(19)722a	Off Premise Transitional Automated Ticket (OPTAT) (Amending)	Indefinite
R-5	PSC(19)722c	Automated Ticket/Boarding Pass --Version 2 (ATB2) (Amending)	Indefinite
R-6	PSC(19)722d	Off Premise Automated Ticket/Boarding Pass--Version 2 (OPATB2) (Amending)	Indefinite
R-7	PSC(19)722f	Electronic Ticket/Electronic Miscellaneous Documents-Airline (Amending)	Indefinite
R-8	PSC(19)722g	Electronic Ticket/Electronic Miscellaneous Documents-Neutral (Amending)	Indefinite
R-9	PSC(19)724	Passenger Ticket-Notices and Conditions of Contract (Amending)	Indefinite
R-11	PSC(19)725c	Automated Miscellaneous Charges Order (MCO)-Carrier (Coupon-by-Coupon) (Amending)	Indefinite
R-12	PSC(19)726e	Multiple Purpose Document (MPD)-Neutral, Carbonized, Manual (Amending)	Indefinite
R-13	PSC(19)728	Code Designators for Passenger Ticket and Baggage Check (Amending)	Indefinite
R-14	PSC(19)735d	Involuntary Change of Carrier, Routing, Class of Type of Fare (Amending)	Indefinite

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R-15	PSC(19)736	Voluntary Changes to Tickets (Amending)	Indefinite
R-16	PSC(19)740	Form of Interline Baggage Tag (Amending)	Indefinite
R-17	PSC(19)742	Excess Baggage Ticket-Technical Specifications (Amending)	Indefinite
R-18	PSC(19)742e	Automated Excess Baggage Ticket, Carrier-Coupon by Coupon (Amending)	Indefinite
R-19	PSC(19)743	Found and Unclaimed Checked Baggage (Amending)	Indefinite
R-20	PSC(19)743b	Baggage Identification Chart (Amending)	Indefinite
R-21	PSC(19)745	Dangerous Goods in Passengers Baggage (Amending)	Indefinite
R-22	PSC(19)762	Airline Designators (Amending)	Indefinite
R-23	PSC(19)767	Assignment of Airline Accounting Codes and Airline Prefixes (Amending)	Indefinite
R-24	PSC(19)769	Baggage Tag Issuers Codes (BTIC) (New)	Indefinite
R-25	PSC(19)780	Form of Interline Traffic Agreement--Passenger (Amending)	Indefinite
R-26	PSC(19)780e	IATA Interline Traffic Participation Agreement—Passenger (Amending)	Indefinite
R-27	PSC(19)791	Specifications for Airline Industry Integrated Circuit Card (ICC) Version 02 (Amending)	Indefinite
R-28	PSC(19)1008	Glossary of Commonly Used Air Passenger Terms (Amending)	
R-29	PSC(19)1707	Standard Symbols for Description of Standard Message Formats (Amending)	

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R-30	PSC(19)1707a	Data Field Dictionary for DCS Passenger Messages (Amending)	
R-31	PSC(19)1707b	Data Element Dictionary for DCS Passenger Messages (Amending)	
R-32	PSC(19)1708	Passenger Name List Message (PNL)/Additions and Deletions List (ADL) (Amending)	
R-33	PSC(19)1709	Request List Message (RQL) (Amending)	
R-34	PSC(19)1711	Seats Protected Message (SPM) (Amending)	
R-35	PSC(19)1712	Seats Occupied Message (SOM) (Amending)	
R-36	PSC(19)1713	Seats Available List Message (SAL) (Amending)	
R-37	PSC(19)1714	Industry Discount Message (IDM) (Amending)	
R-38	PSC(19)1715	Passenger Service Message (PSM) (Amending)	
R-39	PSC(19)1716	Passenger Information List (PIL) (Amending)	
R-40	PSC(19)1717	Teletype Passenger Manifest (TPM) (Amending)	
R-41	PSC(19)1718	Passenger Transfer Message (Amending)	
R-42	PSC(19)1719	Passenger Final Sales (Post-Departure Reconciliation) Message (PFS)(Amending)	
R-43	PSC(19)1719a	Frequent Traveller List Message (FTL)(Amending)	
R-44	PSC(19)1719b	Passenger Reconcile List Message (PRL)(Amending)	
R-45	PSC(19)1719c	Electronic Ticket List Message (ETL)(New)	

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R-46	PSC(19)1720a	Standard Thirteen-Digit Numbering System for Traffic Documents (Amending)	
R-47	PSC(19)1740c	Radio Frequency (RF) Specifications for Interline Baggage (Amending)	
R-48	PSC(19)1745	Baggage Services Messages (Amending)	
R-49	PSC(19)1776	Seamless Connectivity (Amending)	
R-50	PSC(19)1777	Married Segment Control (Amending)	
R-51	PSC(19)1783	Interactive Passive Validation (New)	
R-52	PSC(19)1798	Carriage of Passengers with Infectious Diseases (New)	

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R-10	PSC(19)724a	Passenger Ticket-Notice of Overbooking of Flights (Amending)	Indefinite