

Amadeus Fares News

Product Name

YQ/YR Surcharges

Process enhancement - Default validating carrier logic

Effective date

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Customers

All - Travel Agents

Overview

In line with ATPCO's guidelines, Amadeus has improved the default validating carrier selection logic in the frame of YQ/YR surcharges processing. Specificities have been assessed according to all types of users impacted by the process of validating carrier. This enhancement is the first step in the automated ATPCO YQ/YR implementation process, that will begin a couple of weeks later.

The processing flow described below explains how Amadeus determines a validating carrier by default, only in the case where no validating carrier has been previously chosen by the agent.

The processing logic will apply to all carriers, whether they have filed their YQ/YR through ATPCO or through Amadeus.

Amadeus recommend to use the R,VC-xx option (where xx stands for the carrier code) at pricing time to override the validating carrier to ensure alignment between the validating carrier and the carrier on whom the tickets will be plated. If the R, VC-xx option is not available to a particular travel agent it can be activated through a simple request to the Helpdesk.

When no validating carrier has been chosen by the agent, the following process will apply:

1. When the itinerary contains no sector that departs from one country and arrives to another country, then the selected validating carrier is the carrier from the first sector of the journey.

Example: MUC - FRA (carrier LH)
FRA - TXL (carrier LT)
TXL - HAM (carrier DE)
All the sectors are in Germany, so the default validating carrier is LH.

If the first condition is not matched, the system analyses condition number 2.

2. When the itinerary contains no sector that crosses IATA sub-areas, then the selected validating carrier is the carrier from the first international sector of the journey.

Example: NCE - PAR (carrier AF)
PAR - BRU (carrier SN)
BRU - MAD (carrier IB)

All the sectors are in the same IATA sub-area Europe and the first international sector is between France and Belgium (PAR-BRU), so the default validating carrier is SN.

If the second condition is not matched, the system analyses condition number 3.

3. When the itinerary contains no sectors that crosses any TC areas, then the selected validating carrier is the carrier from the sector of the journey that first crosses a IATA sub-area.

Example: MAD - PAR (carrier IB)
PAR - FRA (carrier AF)
FRA - CAI (carrier LH)
A IATA sub-area has been crossed between FRA and CAI and all the sectors are in the same TC area (TC2), so the default validating carrier is LH.

If the third condition is not matched, the system analyses condition number 4.

4. When the itinerary encompasses exactly two TC areas, then the selected validating carrier is the carrier from the first sector that crosses a TC area.

Example: MAD - PAR (carrier IB)
PAR - SIN (carrier SQ)
There has been a crossing between TC2 and TC3 area (sector PAR-SIN), so the default validating carrier is SQ.

If the fourth condition is not matched, the system analyses condition number 5.

5. When the itinerary encompasses exactly three TC areas, such as 'Round The World' then:

- if the two crossings of TC areas are between TC3 and TC2 and between TC2 and TC1, then the selected validating carrier is the carrier from the first sector that crosses between TC2 and TC1.
- if the two crossings of TC areas are **not** between TC3 and TC2 and between TC2 and TC1, then the selected validating carrier is the carrier from the first sector that crosses a TC area.

Main Benefits:

- The validating carrier selection process will be consistent for all carriers - whether filing through ATPCO or through Amadeus.
- In the case where the agent did not specify a validating carrier at pricing time, the new process will automatically determine a default validating carrier and always collect according to ATPCO's processing logic. However Amadeus recommend to travel agents to override this validating carrier if necessary - by using the option R,VC-xx (where xx stands for the carrier code) - dependant on which carrier the ticket will be plated on.