YQ / YR Surcharge Processing Enhancement
New Default Validating Carrier Concept for Multi-Carrier Itineraries

Amadeus has enhanced the Default Validating Carrier Processing for YQ/YR in case of interlining/ end-on-end combinations.

Now the system also informs which validating carrier has been used to price the Pnr, in case the User does not mention it in his entry.

If you simply prices a multi-carrier itinerary, then the system will tell you the Airline was used by default, as a result, you get to know which carrier’s YQ/YR processing has been picked up the system.

For example, in the Pnr below, if no validating carrier is specified at the time of pricing, system picks up CX and informs us.

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FQQ1
01 Y+YX2      *      * P1      *  181363  *RB     *Y
LAST TKT DTE 15MAR07 - DATE OF ORIGIN
------------------------------------------------------------
   AL   FLGT  BK   T  DATE   TIME   FARE BASIS   NVB   NVA   BG
DAC
HKG   KA   0111   Y   15MAR   0200   Y                 PC
   NV   0830   H   15MAR   1015   YY2            PC

USD  2449.00  15MAR07DAC KA HKG656.00CX NYC Q4.24
BDT  171430  1788.98NUC2449.22END ROE1.000000
BDT  300BD  XT BDT 4886YR BDT 350YC BDT 490XY BDT 1057
BDT  2500UT  US BDT 350XA
BDT  7133XT
BDT  181363
RATE USED 1USD=70.00000BDT
PRICED WITH VALIDATING CARRIER CX - REPRICE IF DIFFERENT VC

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If the same Pnr is priced with SQ, by using the entry FXP/R,VC-BA, the following indication comes:

FQQ1
01 Y+YX2 * * P1 * 181363 *RB *Y

LAST TKT DTE 15MAR07 - DATE OF ORIGIN

AL FLGT BK T DATE TIME FARE BASIS NVB NVA BG
DAC
HKG KA 0111 Y Y 15MAR 0200 Y PC
NYC CX 0830 H H 15MAR 1015 YX2 PC

USD 2449.00 15MAR07DAC KA HKG656.00CX NYC Q4.24
BDT 171430 1788.98NUC2449.22END ROE1.000000
BDT 300BD XT BDT 4886YR BDT 350YC BDT 490XY BDT 1057
BDT 2500UT US BDT 350XA
BDT 7133XT
BDT 181363

RATE USED 1USD=70.00000BDT

PRICED WITH VALIDATING CARRIER SQ - REPRICE IF DIFFERENT VC

Once SQ is used, the system picks this up and stores this in the Pnr (as FV PAX SQ) and later ensures that you print on SQ only. In case this is changed at the time of TTP, a warning is generated:

TICKETING INHIBITED - USE PREFERRED CARRIER

Hence, it is advised that in case of Multi-carrier PNRs, Price the Pnr on the same Airline on which you wish to ticket on, in order to benefit from the YQ/YR fare guarantee.

**What is the New Default Validating Carrier Logic?**

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

1. **When the country of origin is the same as country of destination:**

   **Example:**
   - MUC - FRA (Carrier LH)
   - FRA - BER (Carrier LT)
   - BER - 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 journey is within the same IATA Sub-area and validating Carrier is the Carrier from the first international sector of the journey.

Example: DEL-BOM (Carrier 9W)
BOM – CMB (Carrier UL)
CMB – BKK (Carrier TG)
All the sectors are in the same IATA sub-area South Asian Sub-continent, and the first international sector is between India and Sri Lanka, so the default validating Carrier is UL.

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

3. When the journey is within the same TC area, 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.

What should I do in case of PNRs on a Single Airline?

When there is a single Carrier PNR, the system will calculate the YQ/YR Surcharge based on the new processing, please refer to the next sheet for the detailed explanation.

What should I do in case of Multi Carrier Itineraries / Interlining?

In case of Multi Carrier / Interlining / End-on-End combinations, you must price the PNR using the entry FXP/R,VC-XX where XX is the Airline code on which you will finally plate/validate the ticket on.
If this is not done, the system will calculate the YQ/YR taxes on the basis of the Transporting Carrier, and will override the rules of the Validated Airline.

**What is the impact on Pricing if I use R,VC-XX entry in case of Multi-Carrier PNRs?**

* When this entry is used, depending on which Carrier the agent needs the ticket to be validated, the YQ/YR pricing will be automated and guaranteed by Amadeus.

* The system will also generate an Automatic FV element in the PNR in form of FV PAX XX. This will indicate that the above was used by the agent at the time of pricing.

* Fares will not be guaranteed where the Validating and/or the Transporting Carrier have Ticket Stock Restrictions. In such cases, please refer to the Fare Quote Notes of the desired fare.

* Agents are still free to choose any suitable validating Carrier of their own choice for ticketing. In this case, they will need to re price before Printing (TTP) and use the validating Carrier chosen for ticketing. The command will be FXP/R,VC-XX. This will enable correct calculation of YQ/YR taxes.

**TO SUMMARIZE .....**

**IN CASE OF MULTI-CARRIER/INTERLINING/END-ON-END COMBINATIONS, PRICE THE PNR USING FXP/R,VC-XX COMMAND, IN ORDER TO BENEFIT FROM THE YQ/YR FARE GUARANTEE.**

**IF THIS ENTRY IS NOT USED, THE SYSTEM WILL CALCULATE THE YQ/YR BASED ON THE NEW DEFAULT CARRIER LOGIC**

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