

Elimination Of XT Tax Code In Apollo®, Galileo® And Worldspan®

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Version:	02				
Apollo and Galileo Load To Production:	30-MAR-09	22:00	EST	03:00 (31-MAR-09)	GMT
Worldspan Load To Production:	31-MAR-09	03:00	EST	08:00	GMT
High Level Description:	Removal of XT tax code from Electronic Ticketing EDIFACT messages to carriers				
Impact Summary:	No screen changes or document changes				
Reason For Issue:	Date change.				
Customer Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal Only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Developers	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agency Customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Airline Customers	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	eCommerce Customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Car, Hotel, Rail or Cruise Customers	
System:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Galileo			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Apollo			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worldspan			
Apollo and Galileo Load To Copy:	25-FEB-2009	1900	EST	2400	GMT
Worldspan Load To Copy:	16-MAR-2009	0300	EST	0800	GMT
Web Services: (API and Messaging)	There are no changes to Web Services.				
Issue History:	Version 02				

Overview

IATA Passenger Services Conference Ticketing resolution 722 mandate effective 1st February 2009 requires all ticketing systems to eliminate the use of tax code XT in electronic ticket issuance. Paper tickets and Miscellaneous Charges Orders (MCOs) are still limited to 2-3 tax boxes only so XT will continue to be used on those documents. Electronic Ticket issuance can accommodate up to 99 new individual taxes, and 99 occurrences of paid taxes.

Travelport will implement this in a phased delivery. The first phase is purely the elimination of XT in ET issuance. Further phases will include changes to screen displays and documentation to break down the XT Total, changes to exchange and refund and increase the maximum number of new and paid taxes to 99. Currently up to 20 taxes may be ticketed, though Fares and Pricing displays may store more.

Many airlines have not yet made changes to their own systems to fully breakdown individual taxes, nor have they increased to 99 taxes on a ticket.

This advisory is being issued for informational purposes only. There will be no changes to screen displays or support documents at this time. The only changes resulting from this project are changes in EDIFACT messaging with airlines.

This advisory is applicable for all subscribers on Apollo, Galileo and Worldspan systems.

Apollo and Worldspan system users will not be affected since there are no changes to screen displays or support documents for this release (Worldspan subscribers should also review previously released Product Advisory 588 which is still in effect).

There will be one minor enhancement to Galileo system (1G) exchanges. This enhancement will result in up to 8 paid taxes being populated into the *EX exchange fill-in format when an electronic ticket is being exchanged. This is the only change Galileo system users will see.

Airline customers will only see a change if they request Travelport to move them to the new messaging format.

Customer Benefit

- This enhancement supports the IATA mandate to remove the combined XT tax and instead use a full itemization of taxes for electronic tickets.
- No changes to fare quote and pricing displays, electronic ticket displays, electronic ticket support documents, itinerary/invoice, or ViewTrip.
- More taxes will be broken out in the Galileo system electronic ticket exchange fill-in format display.
- Enhanced electronic ticket messaging with airlines.

Detail and Customer Examples

Travelport is taking a phased approach to the implementation of IATA's initiative to quote and ticket up to 99 taxes. In phase one we are removing the XT composite tax item from the electronic ticket messaging with carriers who request the change. The electronic ticket support documents and any screen displays, including the electronic ticket record display will remain intact.

These changes do not apply to paper ticketing, or Miscellaneous Charges Orders (MCOs).

For 1G only:

For Galileo-connected travel agents (1G system), we will be enhancing the way paid taxes are populated from the electronic ticket record. Today up to three paid taxes are populated and agents must break out the XT tax item into individual taxes if more than 3 taxes were collected on the ticket being exchanged. With this enhancement, the itemized taxes will be populated on the screen up to the 8 areas on the fill-in format. If there were 9 or more taxes collected on the ticket being exchanged, an XT code will appear in the 8th box.

Agents should continue to follow existing processes related to editing the taxes from the original ticket as they do today.

Use TKPFEX001123456790 or TMU1FEX0011234567890

Exchange screen as populated before the change:

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1          2          3          4          5          6
1234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234
01 >*EX **TICKET FOR** : EXCHANGE/TEST                                PSGR 1/ 1
02   NEW FARE: GBP 3910.00  EQUIV:.....
03   TX1: 40.00 GB TX2: 19.65 UB TX3: 6.00 AY TX4: 230.60 XT
04   *EXCH TICKET*: TICKET NUMBER THRU TICKET NUMBER NO. CPNS
05   .00112345678900 .X .01646930926056 .06
06   COUPONS FOR TKT1:1234 TKT2:12.. TKT3:..... TKT4:.....
07   PD TAXES 1:40.00.GB 2:19.65.UB 3:236.60.XT 4:.....
08   PD TAXES 5:..... 6:..... 7:..... 8:.....
09   TTL VALUE:GBP3910.00. BSR:..... ORIG FOP:S.....
10   *ORIG ISSUE*: TICKET NUMBER ORG/DES CITY DATE IATA CODE
11   . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . LHR/ORD .LON .29JAN09 .9128049
12   .
13   >
14
15
    
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Only 3 paid taxes are populated.

Exchange screen after the change:

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1          2          3          4          5          6
1234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234
01 >*EX **TICKET FOR** : EXCHANGE/TEST                                PSGR 1/ 1
02   NEW FARE: GBP 3910.00  EQUIV:.....
03   TX1: 40.00 GB TX2: 19.65 UB TX3: 6.00 AY TX4: 230.60 XT
04   *EXCH TICKET*: TICKET NUMBER THRU TICKET NUMBER NO. CPNS
05   .00112345678900 .X .01646930926056 .06
06   COUPONS FOR TKT1:1234 TKT2:12.. TKT3:..... TKT4:.....
07   PD TAXES 1:40.00.GB 2:19.65.UB 3:6.00.AY 4:20.00.US
08   PD TAXES 5:3.10.XA 6:2.80.XF 7:4.30.XY 8:200.40.XT
09   TTL VALUE:GBP3910.00. BSR:..... ORIG FOP:S.....
10   *ORIG ISSUE*: TICKET NUMBER ORG/DES CITY DATE IATA CODE
11   . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . LHR/ORD .LON .29JAN09 .9128049
12   .
13   >
14
15
    
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All 8 paid taxes are populated.

Subscribers should continue to edit the paid taxes as needed, just like they do today.

Glossary

Term	Definition
XT	Code used to indicate multiple taxes have been added together and included in 1 tax field. Will continue to apply to paper tickets and to electronic tickets for airlines that have not yet opted in to XT removal.
EDIFACT	Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport – The standard used for communicating electronic ticketing and other data between airlines and GDSs.

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