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**PASSENGER ORIGIN AND DESTINATION SURVEY
REPORTING OF CODE-SHARE AFFILIATES
FOR
AIR CARRIER ALLIANCE PARTNERS**

This Accounting and Reporting Directive reminds carriers that are members of an operating alliance that they are responsible for correctly identifying all operating and ticketed carriers of the alliance, including all code-share affiliates of the alliance carriers.

The ticketed carrier is easily identified as the carrier whose code is displayed on the ticket coupon or electronic record of the passenger's itinerary.

Each reporting carrier must take the necessary steps to assure that each reportable passenger itinerary correctly identifies the operating carrier for downline flights operated by a code-share partner of an alliance carrier. This generally requires the reporting carrier to look up the flight ranges of its alliance partners to identify those alliance carrier routes that are operated by a code-share partner.

Shown below are several examples of the reporting carrier's responsibility for identifying the operator of downline flights.

Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3
Reporting Carrier	Alliance Carrier Must Identify	Code-Share Partner of Alliance Carrier Must Identify
Reporting Carrier	Non Alliance Carrier	Code-Share Partner of Non Alliance Carrier
Reporting Carrier	Code-Share Partner Must Identify	Code-Share Partner of Reporting Carrier's Code-Share Partner Must Identify

For flight segments that a reporting carrier is not held responsible for correctly identifying the operating carrier, the reporting carrier must report the code of the ticketed carrier as the operating carrier. If a reporting carrier, however, does know the true identity of the operating carrier, it must report the true operating carrier.

Please e-mail any questions you have to Bernie Stankus at bernard.stankus@bts.gov or contact him by telephone on (202) 366-4387.

This action is taken under authority delegated in 14 CFR Part 385.19(b) of the Department's Organizational Regulations.

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