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BI ADM Policy for Unproductive Bookings

Dear Valued Partner,

Royal Brunei Airlines (BI) is updating its ADM policy for unproductive bookings effective April 1, 2023.

The following items, if not observed, may lead to an ADM to the travel agent.

1. Ticketing Time Limits (TTL)

- Travel agent should ticket or cancel the booking before the TTL. Royal Brunei Airlines (BI) will cancel un-ticketed bookings at TTL. The travel agent is expected to remove the cancelled segment from the GDS PNR.

2. Duplicate Booking

- BI will check for duplicate bookings for the same passenger on the same route and date. Duplicate bookings are not allowed and reduces seat availability for other passengers.
- BI will keep the confirmed booking in the highest class and cancel the others, regardless if the duplicates are made by different PCCs and in a different GDS. The travel agent is expected to remove the cancelled segment from the GDS PNR.

3. Inadequate Contact Information

- IATA resolution 830d requires the travel agent to record passenger's contact details for the airline to contact passengers in time of flight reschedules and operational disruptions.
- BI requires that SSR CTCE and SSR CTCM is populated with the passenger's correct email and mobile number. If the passenger refuses to provide their contact details,

the travel agent is to input SSR CTCR in the PNR.

- Should the passenger miss his/her flight due to a failure to receive notifications, and an audit of the PNR proves that the travel agent did not record the passenger's contact information and that CTCR did not exist, the airline reserves the right to pass on the cost of re-accommodation and applicable compensations (e.g. UK261/EU261) to the travel agent.

4. Impossible Journey

- If a booking is found with an impossible journey (such as BWNMEL and BWNLHR on the same date), BI will provide the agent with a time limit to cancel the unwanted segment. The entire itinerary will be cancelled if the impossible segment is not cancelled by the time limit. The travel agent is expected to remove the cancelled segment from the GDS PNR.

5. False or Fictitious Names

- BI reserves the right to raise an ADM for bookings under fake/fictitious names, such as;

TEST/PNR MS

DUCK/DONALD MR

KEYLIME/PIE MS

- Famous or celebrity names may be genuine. BI will evaluate the authenticity of these bookings. An obviously fake/fictitious name booking will be cancelled. The travel agent is expected to remove the cancelled segment from the GDS PNR.
- In addition, repeat offenders will be blocked from BI inventory.

6. Test or Training PNRs

- GDSs provide travel agents with a test or training partition. Agents should not conduct tests or training on airline's live inventory.
- BI will cancel test or training PNRs without warning. The travel agent is expected to remove the cancelled segment from the GDS PNR. ADM may be raised if agent persists in creating test/training bookings.

7. **Waitlisted Bookings**

- The travel agent is expected to cancel and remove WL/HL segments voluntarily. If the travel agent fails to do so, BI will cancel these segments at flight firming, and the travel agent is expected to remove the cancelled segment from the GDS PNR.

8. **Minimum Connecting Time (MCT)**

- Travel Agents must not forcibly create a booking that does not respect the minimum connecting time at the transit station. If a passenger fails to meet his connecting flight and has to be rerouted to his/her destination, BI will pass the cost of re-accommodation and applicable compensations (e.g. UK261/EU261) to the travel agent.

9. **Speculative bookings**

- Blocking of inventory for the purpose of future sales is not allowed. Blocking of inventory creates an artificial demand which reduces availability and increases the fare for bona-fide travellers. Un-materialized bookings lead to seat spoilage. BI will cancel bookings that fit the profile of speculative bookings. The travel agent is expected to remove the cancelled segment from the GDS PNR. Habitual speculative bookers may be blocked from BI inventory.

10. **Churning**

- Segments that are repeatedly cancelled and rebooked to circumvent TTL, or to reinstate speculative bookings that were cancelled by the airline. BI considers 3 cancellations (regardless by GDS or airline action) for the same passenger to be acceptable. BI will raise ADM for rebooked segments following the 4th cancellation. Habitual churners will be blocked from BI inventory.

11. **Inactive Segments**

- Travel Agents must remove all unwanted segments with status codes HX/NO/UC/UN/US/WK/WL/WN immediately. BI will ADM travel agents if the segments still exist within 24 hours of departure.

12. **Passive Bookings**

- Passive bookings are for ticketing purposes only and must match the existing booking held on the BI reservations system. Passives are not permitted against a live booking on the same GDS or across a different GDS. BI will ADM travel agents that abuse the use of passive bookings.

Debit Memo Fee structure

BI will ADM agents through BSP link for the following infractions:

	Charges
Fake or Fictitious names (<i>item 5</i>)	USD 40 per passenger segment
Test or Training bookings (<i>item 6</i>)	USD 40 per passenger segment
Churning (<i>item 10</i>)	USD 40 per rebooked passenger segment following the 4 th cancellation
Unremoved inactive segment (<i>item 11</i>)*	USD 40 per passenger segment
Abuse of passive bookings (<i>item 12</i>)	USD 40 per passenger segment
Inadequate Contact Information (<i>item 3</i>)	Administrative fee of USD 100 on top of the cost of re-accommodating passenger and compensations for passenger missing their flights
Minimum connecting time (<i>item 8</i>)	Administrative fee of USD 100 on top of the cost of re-accommodating passenger and compensations for passenger missing their flights

* 1B bookings are exempt from ADM for HX/UN/NO/UC segments due to their pricing policy.

This notice shall be valid for the period until the instruction is reviewed or superseded by new updates of rules and regulations issued by respective authority or the department by means of an email, circular, memo or letter.

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