

## Introduction

- Objective of the webinar is to provide travel agencies with relevant info regarding the financial security options and financial assessment process
- During this session risk component of the LFC will be explained with focus on RHC
- Refresh: IATA Accreditation models and forms of payment
- You can write your questions in the chat box. They will be answered during the Q&A Session – last 30'
- This presentation will be shared with you





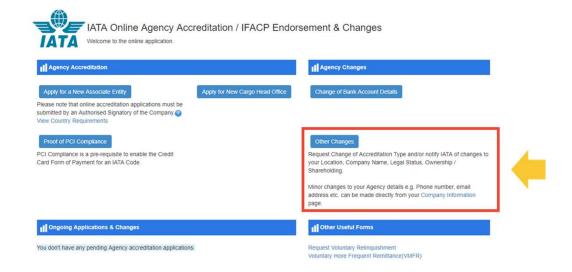
## New travel agency accreditation models

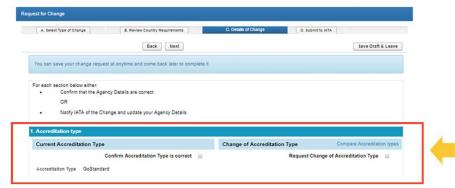
#### Three accreditation models main characteristics:

| As of 11 Aug 2022                 |        |            | Cash                 | n/a Remittance Holding Capacity  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|----------------------|--|
| Total number of <b>GoLite</b>     | 11,878 | golite     | CC  IATA EasyPay     | Financial Assessment  ADM/Chargeback Security  |
| Total number of <b>GoStandard</b> | 37,682 | gostandard | Cash CC IATA EasyPay | Remittance Holding Capacity  Yearly Financial Assessment  Financial Security / Default Insurance |
| Total number <b>GoGlobal</b>      | 12     |            | ✓ Cash ✓ CC          | Remittance Holding Capacity  Quarterly Assessment of Parent                                      |
| Total number of NewGen Agents     | 51,327 | goglobal   | IATA EasyPay         | Parent Guarantee incorporated into PSAA  Financial Security / Default Insurance                  |

# Changing Accreditation Model GoStandard/GoLite

- To change Accreditation Type, select "Other Changes"
- Complete the Notice of Change







## Recommendation



It is recommended that the Travel Agent **first opens an EasyPay account** before doing the change of accreditation to GoLite. Otherwise there is a risk that the Agent will be more limited with their payment options.



## How Accredited agent benefits from IATA EasyPay?

Easy way of issuing and settling airline tickets



- Top up your account based on your needs
- Detailed reporting on transactions
- No fees, voluntary, and no minimum balance required
- No commitment to use or maintain the account
- Option for GoStandard agents to reduce financial security amount
- Option for GoStandard agents to manage RHC
- Single and multi-use numbers to meet your operational requirements
- IATA EasyPay is currently accepted by 100+ airlines



## What is IATA EasyPay?





B2B payment solution for Agents to issue Airline tickets in the BSP



Pay-As-You-Go online wallet only available for IATA agents



Accepted by most BSP airlines

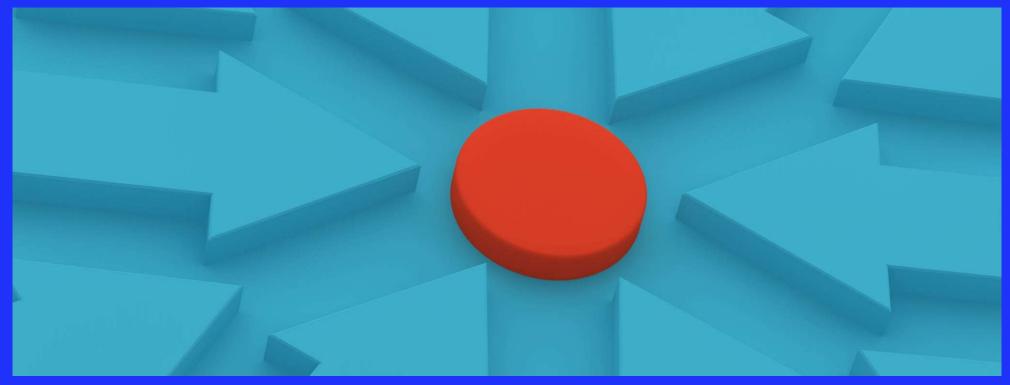
Up to date list available on the IATA EasyPay Portal

#### A revamped IATA EasyPay is being delivered in 2023, bringing:

- Seamless to Airlines as unique change is the BIN code used as FOP
- Simplified onboarding process for agents
- Reduced time on issue resolution for agents and Airlines
- Standard solution for all markets
- More user-friendly IATA EasyPay Platform



## RISK MANAGEMENT





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- 1. Remittance and settlement frequency
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## Enhanced Risk Management Framework

Going from unlimited to mitigated Risk - Go Standard & Go Global



Reduction of default losses resulting from limitation of cash risk exposure (RHC)



Real time around the clock sales monitoring



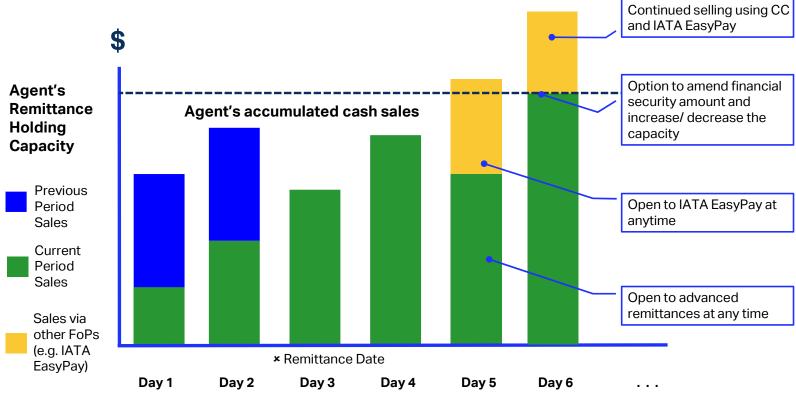
Safer environment & sales continuity through new payment options





## Remittance Holding Capacity

#### All Agents with access to Cash will be assigned a Remittance Holding Capacity







#### New formula using a multiplication factors based on the Agent's Amount at Risk and Risk Status

Amount at Risk = Total days x total BSP Cash Turnover 3 highest Reporting Periods

Days in Reporting Period x 3

| Remittance Holding Capacity |                                   |                |                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tier                        | Amount at Risk                    | Risk status A  | Risk Status B  |
| 1                           | Up to USD 5,000,000               | Formula X 2    | Formula X 1.50 |
| 2                           | USD 5,000,001 – USD<br>10,000,000 | Formula X 1.75 | Formula X 1.35 |
| 3                           | More than USD 10,000,000          | Formula X 1.50 | Formula X 1.20 |



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## RHC - Examples

#### **Example 1:**

Remittance Frequency: weekly

highest period 1= 155,000 highest period 2= 150,000 highest period 3= 135,000

- ⇒ Total **440,000**
- ⇒ Days in Reporting Period: 21
- ⇒ Total days: 14 from day 1 of reporting period till the Remittance day

Amount at Risk = 
$$14 \times 440,000$$
 = **293,333.00**



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## RHC - Examples

#### **Example 2:**

Remittance Frequency: bi-Monthly Risk Status A

highest period 1= 6,000,000 highest period 2= 4,000,000 highest period 3= 6,000,000

- ⇒ Total **16,000,000**
- ⇒ Days in Reporting Period: 45
- ⇒ Total days: 31 from day 1 of reporting period till the Remittance day

Amount at Risk =  $31 \times 16,000,000 = 11,022,222.00$ 

15x3

- ⇒ First 5M → under tier 1
- $\Rightarrow$  Next 5  $\rightarrow$  under tier 2
- $\Rightarrow$  Final 1,022,222  $\rightarrow$  under tier 3



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X 1.50

X 1.35

X 1.20

**Remittance Holding Capacity** 

X 2

X 1.75

X 1.50

Amount at Risk

Less than 5M

More than 5M -

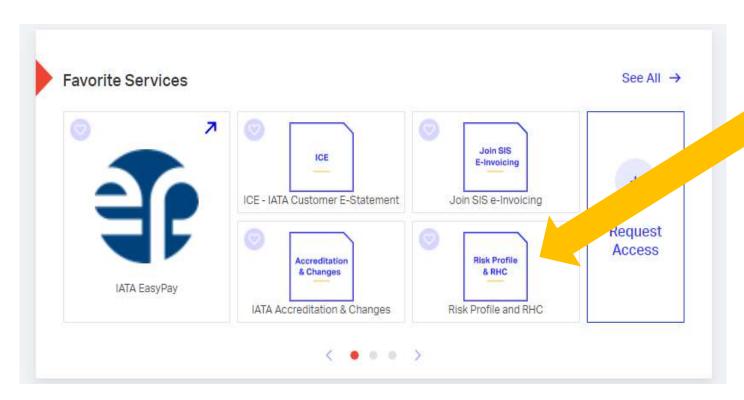
less than 10M

More than 10M

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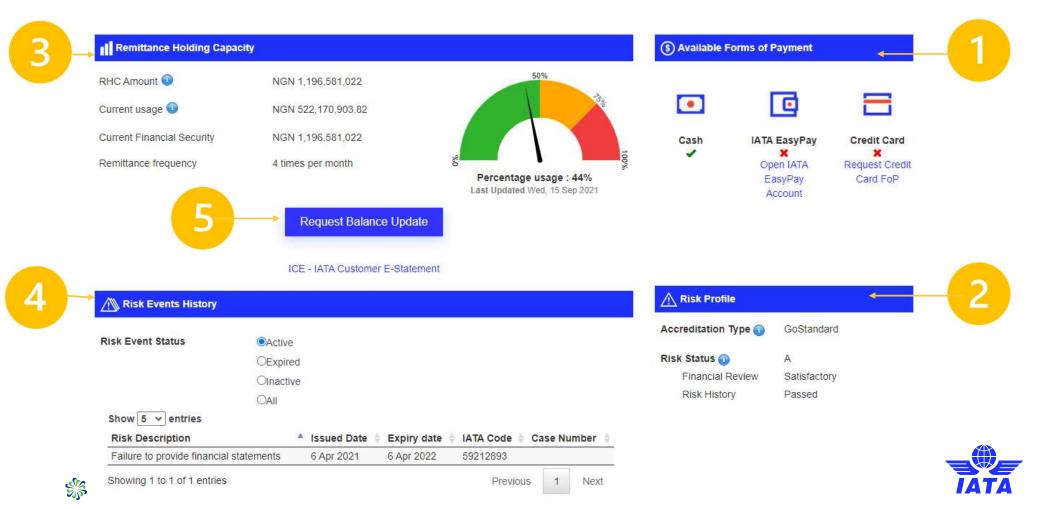
## RHC Management and Risk Profile

- Login to IATA Portal
- Click on Risk Profile & RHC





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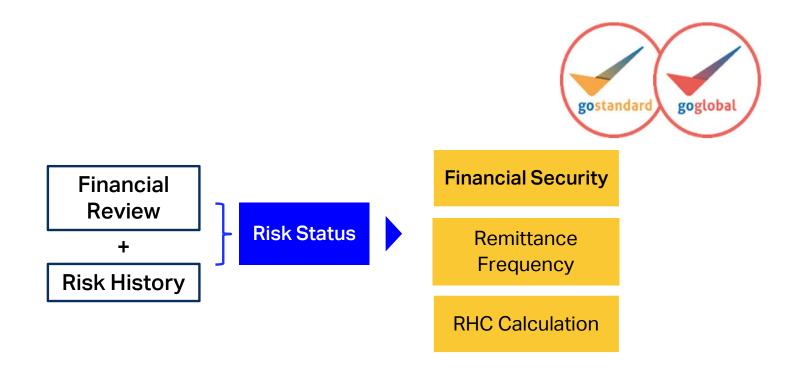


## B. Risk Status and Risk Events





## Risk management framework





## Risk History Assessment

If an Agent FAILS its Risk History, its Risk Status will be affected (i.e. from A to B)

Items to Note

Risk Events valid for 24 months

| Risk Event   | Agent fails at |
|--|----------------|
| Authorization to use Cash payment Method for less than 24 months |                |
| Major change of ownership or legal status                        | One occurrence |
| Payment Default  |                |
| Default due to common ownership                                  |                |

Risk Events valid for 12 months

| Risk Event   | Agent fails at       |  |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Failure to provide financial statements              |                      |  |
| Failure to provide Financial Securities              | Two                  |  |
| Unreported change of ownership, legal status or name | occurrence           |  |
| Change of Head Entity's location to another country  |                      |  |
| Prejudiced Collection of funds                       |                      |  |
| Late or Short Payment                                | Adjusted for         |  |
| Payment in Wrong Currency                            | Remittance frequency |  |

| Remittance Frequency   | Remittances per year | Agent fails at   |  |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|
| Monthly                | 12                   | One occurrence   |  |
| Twice per month        | 24                   |                  |  |
| Three times per month  | 36                   | Two occurrence   |  |
| Four times per month   | 48                   |                  |  |
| Weekly                 | 52                   |                  |  |
| Six times per month    | 72                   | Three occurrence |  |
| Twice per week or more | >104                 | 33301100         |  |







## Risk Status & Cash Conditions

| Asse         | ssment       |             |   |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Fin. Review  | Risk History | Risk Status | Cash Conditions   |
| PASS         | PASS         | Α           | RHC = Calculation Financial Security only if required in LFC for Go-Standard Standard remittance frequency of BSP |
| PASS<br>FAIL | FAIL<br>PASS | В           | RHC = Calculation Financial Security Standard remittance frequency of BSP   |
| FAIL         | FAIL         | С           | RHC = Financial Security  Financial Security  Most frequent remittance frequency in the BSP*                      |



## Local Financial Criteria (LFC) in Croatia



## **Local Financial Criteria**

#### 1.2 Existing IATA Accredited Agents

Financial evaluation for existing Agents in Croatia will be performed yearly. All IATA Accredited Agents must submit the documents listed below. The result of the financial assessment will then be considered as PASS or FAIL.

An existing Agent must comply with the following tests:

- 1. Net profit in the accounting period
- 2. No blocked periods for the current accounts in the last 12 months
- Short term liquidity coefficient:

Current assets-long term business claims

Short term financial and business liabilities

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If the Agent fully complies with the criteria set under points 1 and 2, a short-term liquidity coefficient between 0,75 and 1 is acceptable.

#### 2. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEWS

#### 2.1 An Agent who applies for IATA accreditation should provide the following documentation:

- Excerpt from the registry of the Commercial Court
- 2. Opening balance sheet for the agents who have just started their business in the current calendar year
- Current balance sheet not older than 6 months, original or copy with signature and stamp of an independent third party Certified Public Accountant (stamp of the Financial Agency FINA is acceptable)
- 4. BON-2

#### 2.2 An existing Agent who is subject to a financial assessment:

- Current balance sheet not older than 6 months, original or copy with signature and stamp of an independent third party Certified Public Accountant (stamp of the Financial Agency FINA is acceptable)
- 2. Profit and loss account as submitted and accepted by relevant financial or tax authority

#### 2.3 BON-2



## Financial Security (FS)

#### 3. FINANCIAL SECURITY

- 3.1 Agents will be required to provide a financial security based on 23 days' average of BSP net cash sales, during the previous (12 consecutive months).
- 3.2 New applicants will be required to provide a minimum financial security of 25.,000 EUR for each the first 2 years.
- 3.3 Agents Accredited for more than two years.
- 3.3.1 Agents with Risk Status A

Agents will be required to provide as of 01st of January 2023, a financial security that covers 40% of their 23 days of average BSP net cash sales within the previous 12 consecutive months, with the minimum amount of 25.000 EUR whichever is higher, after the expiry date of current financial security.

#### 3.3.2 Agents with Risk Status B

Agents will be required to provide as of 01st of January 2023, a financial security that covers 80% of their 23 days of average BSP net cash sales within the previous 12 consecutive months, with the minimum amount of 25.000 EUR whichever is higher, after the expiry date of current financial security.

#### 3.3.3 Agents with Risk Status C

Agents with Risk Status C must provide a Financial Security with a minimum amount of EUR 25.000.



# Why to evaluate Agents' Accounts?

- To ensure Agents have a strong financial health
- To be able to determine the Agent's Risk status and level of Financial Security

# How to obtain Satisfactory results?

- Submit the company's audited annual financial accounts, no later than 6 months after each FYE, audited by a certified auditor
- Accounts must show:
  - Net profit in the accounting period
  - 2. No blocked periods for the current accounts in the last 12 months
  - Short term liquidity coefficient:

Current assets-long term business claims <sup>3</sup> 1 Short term financial and business liabilities

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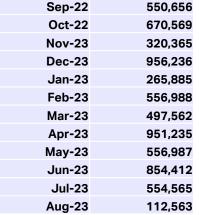




## Example

- Agent under weekly remittance
- Last 12 months sales:
- Total sales = **6,848,023.00**
- Days at Risk = 23 Days

| Sep-22 | 550,656 |
|--------|---------|
| Oct-22 | 670,569 |
| Nov-23 | 320,365 |
| Dec-23 | 956,236 |
| Jan-23 | 265,885 |
| Feb-23 | 556,988 |
| Mar-23 | 497,562 |
| Apr-23 | 951,235 |
| May-23 | 556,987 |
| Jun-23 | 854,412 |
| Jul-23 | 554,565 |
| Aug-23 | 112,563 |
|        |         |





Required FS Risk status A = 505,158 x 50% = 252,579.27 Required FS Risk status B & C= 505,158





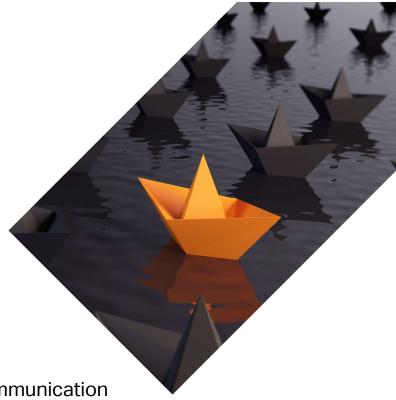
## Important to know

#### **Any Financial Security:**

- Should be valid for at least 12 months
- Must be drafted based on IATA's template
- Must have a minimum notice of termination period of ninety (90) days
- Must reach Madrid office before the expiry date
- Must be verified by the issuer

#### **SWIFT Bank Guarantee:**

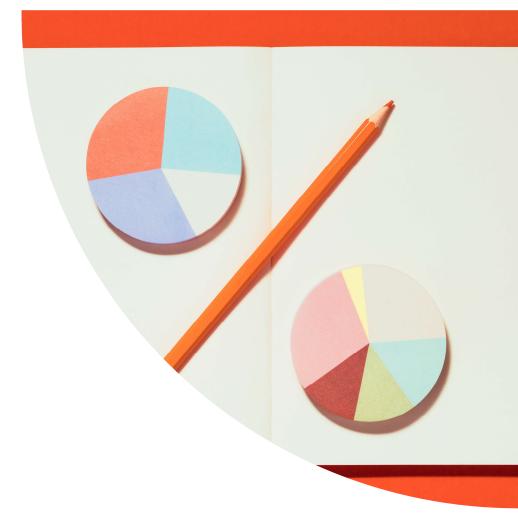
- Transmitted electronically by your bank through an inter-bank communication channel
- Contact your bank and request a SWIFT Bank guarantee
- Your bank will send a SWIFT message to IATA's bank following IATA's template
- IATA's bank will inform IATA once the SWIFT is received





# Opt-out Annual Financial Assessment option

- Any Agent can at anytime request to opt-out from the Annual Financial Review exercise.
- Opt-out will be approved by IATA if there is an active Financial Security in place
- Once opt-out is approved IATA will set the RHC to equal the provided Financial Security





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## Important to know

#### 4 Banks with SWIFT capabilities:

- ERSTE BANK
- PRIVREDNA BANKA ZAGREB
- RAIFFEISEN BANK
- ZAGREBACKA BANKA

#### If you chose Bank Deposit:

- Confirm with IATA the bank account details
- Deposit the amount in the provided account
- Send via email/query a signed copy of the agreement and the proof of payment



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# Questions



## Thank you!



