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Aviation Group Client Update

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXTENDS COMPLIANCE DATE FOR REPORTING BAGGAGE HANDLING STATISTICS IN FINAL RULE ON ENHANCING AIRLINE PASSENGER PROTECTIONS.

On March 22, 2017, DOT delayed the compliance date by one year, from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019, for reporting baggage handling statistics.

Overview. The final rule on Enhancing Airline Passenger Protections III, originally published on November 3, 2016, expanded the pool of carriers that must report airline service and performance data from any carrier that accounts for at least 1% of domestic scheduled passenger revenue to any carrier that accounts for at least 0.5% of domestic scheduled passenger revenue. The final rule required reporting carriers to separately report airline service and performance data for their domestic scheduled flights operated by their code-share partners. This means that for air transportation taking place on or after the compliance date, airlines that account for at least 0.5% of domestic scheduled passenger revenue must provide airline service and performance data for flights they operate and separately for flights held out with their designator code and operated by their code-share partners. The airline service and performance data consists of on-time performance, mishandled baggage and oversales data.

Related. This extension ensures consistency with the change of compliance date for DOT's final rule on reporting of data for mishandled baggage and wheelchairs, which was incorporated into the Department's Enhancing Airline Passenger Protections III final rule, and extended from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019. The compliance date for the requirements pertaining to on-time performance and oversales remain unchanged.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Shelley Ewalt.

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