# Domestic Validating Carrier Exception

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### Effective date: (Load to production)
- Domestic Validation Logic Loaded to Production: 04-Aug-18
- Warning Message: 26-Jan-19 21:00 EST 02:00 (27-Jan) GMT

### High level description:
Airlines will now have an option to request that they not be used as a validating carrier if they only have domestic sectors on an international itinerary.

### Impact summary:
Airlines previously returned as the validating carrier may no longer be returned. **Effective 27-Jan-19:** When a pricing input includes a plating carrier that has been activated to this exception, a warning message will be returned in the pricing response.

### Reason for issue:
New load to production date. Additional information regarding the carriers that have been activated.

### Impacted customers:
- Internal only
- Developers
- Agency customers
- Airline customers
- eCommerce customers
- Car, hotel, rail or cruise customers

### System:
- Travelport Galileo
- Travelport Apollo
- Travelport Worldspan

### Load to pre-production: 18-Jan-19 22:00 EST 03:00 (19-Jan) GMT

### Web services: (API and Messaging)
Not applicable

### Issue history:
- Version 01 issue date: 11-Jun-18
- Version 02 issue date: 23-Jul-18
- Version 03 issue date: 30-Jul-18
- Version 04 issue date: 06-Aug-18
- Version 05 issue date: 20-Aug-18
- Version 06 issue date: 24-Sep-18
- Version 07 issue date: 26-Nov-18
Overview

Currently, for customers on the enhanced validating carrier logic (RVCL), when an itinerary includes both International and Domestic carriers, and at least one international carrier passes plating carrier validation, the Domestic carrier will not be included as a potential plating carrier candidate. If no valid International plating carrier is found, then the domestic carrier may be considered as a validating/plating carrier.

With this enhancement, airlines will now have an option to request that they not be included as a potential validating carrier candidate if they only have domestic sectors on an international itinerary.

Customer benefit

- Provides airlines an option that may allow them to more closely align the validating carrier processing logic to their own plating carrier policy.

Detail and customer examples

With this change to the enhanced plating carrier logic, airlines will now have an option to request that they not be included as a potential validating carrier candidate if they only have domestic sectors on an international itinerary. If an airline only has domestic sectors on an international itinerary and they have selected this option, they as well as any of their GSA carriers will no longer be considered as a potential plating carrier candidate.

This enhancement is not applicable when a plating carrier is included in the request. Travelport customers are still permitted to include the carrier in the input request.

Currently, two airlines have activated this functionality, Alaska Airlines (AS) and South African Airways (SA). Ask Travelport AN 16690 will be updated with any future activations.

When a customer does include a plating carrier in a pricing request, and that carrier is activated to the enhanced Domestic Carrier Exception functionality, then the below warning message will be returned in the pricing response. This new warning message will be implemented at a future date to give customers time to accommodate the message.

PLATING CARRIER POLICY EXISTS - CHECK WITH CARRIER.

The warning message will be returned in the pricing response for requests that include a plating carrier, where that carrier is a domestic carrier on an international itinerary, and the plating carrier has this exception. The warning message will be returned for the following entries:

- Travelport Galileo
  - Fare Quote - FQ
  - Best Buy – FQBB, FQBA, FQBC
  - Historical Pricing – FQ.Tdate, FQ.Hdate, FQ.Bdate, FQBB.Tdate, FQBB.Hdate, etc.
  - FQA
Travelport Apollo
Fare Quote - $B
Stored Fare Quote – T:$B
Best Buy - $BB, $BBA, $BBC, $BB0
Historical Pricing – $B.Tdate, $B.Hdate, $B.Bdate, $BB.Tdate, $BB.Hdate, etc.

Travelport Worldspan
Demand Pricing Entries - 4P and 4P*
Stored Fare Quote - 4PQ
Historical Pricing - 4P#TDDMMM, 4PHIST#DDMMMYY, 4P#BDDMMMYY, etc.
Low Fare Finder - 4PLF, 4PLFQ, 4PLFB
User Supplied Itinerary Pricing – $A

All examples are for illustrative purposes only

Example #1 - Prior to new warning message implementation

Current Logic

In this example, the agency does not have authority to plate on the international carrier – XX.
The domestic carrier, YY, passes the plating carrier validation checks and is selected as the plating carrier.

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| PNR PRICED ON 24MAY FOR TKTG ON 24MAY |
| * PRICING RULES VALIDATING CARRIER DEFAULT YY |
| ** 01AUG DEPARTURE DATE/ 25MAY IS LAST DATE TO TICKET |
| * FARE MAY CHANGE UNLESS TICKETED * |
| TICKET  BASE USD  TX/FEE USD  TKT TTL USD |
| ADT01  1376.00  75.11  1451.11 |
| TTL01  1376.00  75.11  1451.11 |
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Carrier YY has been activated to the enhanced Domestic Carrier Exception functionality via an internal table. With this functionality, carrier YY is no longer returned as the plating carrier because they only have domestic sectors on an international itinerary.

The agency does not have authority to plate on Carrier XX, but XX does have GSA (General Sales Agent) agreements with 2 other carriers. However, those GSA carriers fail the Interline Electronic Ticketing validation, and that error message is returned.

**Example #2 – Prior to new warning message implementation**

**Current Logic**

In this example, carrier YY is the international carrier on the itinerary but is not a BSP participant, so carrier YY is not a valid plating carrier. Carrier YY does have a GSA agreement with carrier ZZ, but that agreement is only valid when there are no valid marketing carriers remaining that can be selected as the validating carrier.

Since there are no valid international plating carrier candidates, and the domestic carrier XX passes the plating carrier validation checks, XX is selected as the plating carrier even though it only has domestic space on the itinerary.
Proposed Logic

Carrier XX has been activated to the enhanced Domestic Carrier Exception functionality via an internal table. With this functionality, carrier XX is no longer returned as the plating carrier because it only has domestic sectors on an international itinerary.

As both of the marketing carriers are no longer valid plating carrier candidates, GSA carrier ZZ can now be considered as a plating carrier candidate. Since carrier ZZ passes the plating carrier validation checks, ZZ is selected as the plating carrier.
Example #3 – Warning Message Implemented

Travelport Apollo - enhanced validating carrier logic activated

When a customer includes a plating carrier in a pricing request, where that carrier is a domestic carrier on an international itinerary, and that carrier is activated to the enhanced Domestic Carrier Exception functionality, then the warning message, ‘PLATING CARRIER POLICY EXISTS – CHECK WITH CARRIER’, will be returned in the pricing response.
Travelport Apollo - enhanced validating carrier logic not activated

When a customer is not activated to the enhanced validating carrier logic (RVCL), and they include a plating carrier in the pricing request, where that carrier is a domestic carrier on an international itinerary, and that carrier is activated to the enhanced Domestic Carrier Exception functionality, the warning message will not be returned in the pricing response.
Travelport Galileo - enhanced validating carrier logic activated

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Travelport Galileo - enhanced validating carrier logic not activated

When a customer is not activated to the enhanced validating carrier logic (RVCL), and they include a plating carrier in the pricing request, where that carrier is a domestic carrier on an international itinerary, and that carrier is activated to the enhanced Domestic Carrier Exception functionality, the warning message will not be returned in the pricing response.
Travelport Worldspan - enhanced validating carrier logic activated (RVCL & RVCL Lite)

When a customer includes a plating carrier in a pricing request, where that carrier is a domestic carrier on an international itinerary, and that carrier is activated to the enhanced Domestic Carrier Exception functionality, then the warning message, ‘PLATING CARRIER POLICY EXISTS – CHECK WITH CARRIER’, will be returned in the pricing response.
## Glossary

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<td>GSA</td>
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<td>RVCL</td>
<td>Rewrite Validating Carrier Logic – this logic considers multiple validating carriers for all pricing/shopping responses.</td>
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<td>Validating Carrier</td>
<td>The carrier whose ticket stock was used to issue the ticket. This carrier is commonly the holder of the money for the ticket. Also called plating carrier.</td>
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