



Brexit – potential impact on BA code services not touching the UK

We have been proudly flying our customers to and from Europe for more than 100 years, and we will continue to do so, whatever the outcome of Brexit negotiations.

Both the European Commission and the UK Government have indicated that UK and European airlines will be able to continue flying after Britain leaves the EU, regardless of whether there is a deal or 'no deal' scenario.

Whilst the exact status of negotiations is yet to be finalised, we expect some nuanced changes to booking and servicing on codeshare only journeys which we would like to make you aware of. The below communication outlines our understanding of the current situation.

The main change is that there may be a withdrawal of the BA marketing code on intra-European (e.g. ARNHEL, MADAGP) and for some EU to third country services (e.g. NRTFRA or MADJFK) **for new bookings from 1 January 2021**.

The code will remain in place for a transition period to allow existing bookings to fly so **there is no impact on existing bookings booked up to and including 31 December 2020 whatever the travel date**.

Travel agents should be aware that from 01 January 2021 if there is no overall deal:

- There is no change for BA marketed journeys to and from the UK
- There is no change for BA marketed journeys to and from Europe and third countries, which transit through the UK
- Agents can continue to use the marketing codes of our joint business (JB) partners on British Airways long haul services to and from London
- The BA code will only be available for booking on EU to third country services (e.g. NRTFRA or MADJFK), when the journey begins or ends in the UK.

What actions you may need to take from 01 January 2021 if there is no overall deal:

For new bookings on current BA intra-European and EU to third country codeshare routes*

- You can continue to book EU to third country BA* codeshare services, but only where the journey begins or ends in the UK
- Where you wish to book EU to third country services for travel that does not begin or end in the UK, you can book JB partner Prime code (AA/AY/IB/JL/QR/CZ) on these routes, which continue to operate as normal
- GDS best buy solutions will present your agents and customers with the lowest priced Joint business pricing options
- Where a journey is to or from core Europe, but involves travel over London in one direction, and over core Europe in the other:
 - o when using Published Fares, our Joint Business published fare rules allow JB airline code to be combined with BA code on BA or JB partner ticket stock (for instance on a FRA-LON-NYC//NYC-MAD-FRA itinerary the BA code can be used on FRA-LON-NYC and IB code on NYC-MAD-FRA)

- When using Private Fares, agents can book the code of the JB partner airline operating the EU to third country sector for all long-haul sectors to secure the dealt fare. e.g. FRA-LON-NYC//NYC-MAD-FRA itinerary the IB code can be used on LON-NYC (with the BA code on FRA-LON) and IB code on NYC-MAD-FRA.
- Where agents are using Private fares that have Net Prime Combinability (NPC) enabled, they can combine private fares of JB carriers on one ticket, regardless of itinerary. e.g. FRA-LON-NYC//NYC-MAD-FRA itinerary the BA code can be used on FRA-LON-NYC and IB code on NYC-MAD-FRA

*For **existing** BA* bookings for travel on intra-European and Europe to third countries after 1 January 2021*

- Where an existing BA marketed booking has been made on or before 31 December 2020 on an Intra-European or EU to third country service, for travel after 01 January 2021, these bookings can continue as booked, with no need to rebook to JB code.
- For any voluntary changes to codeshare bookings that do not begin or end in the UK, because the BA* code is not available for booking, itineraries using published fares must rebook the change sector using prime code, whilst remaining ticketed on BA 125 ticket stock. Private fare itineraries must be changed to published fares with the same routing, or routed over London to retain private fare tariffs.

Please see below for some examples to help exemplify different possible scenarios.

Example 1

A customer is booked on BA marketing code prior to 31 December 2020 from Paris to New York on a AA operated service and it returns to Paris from New York via London, without stopover, on BA operated services, and wishes to change their booking on the New York to Paris segment.

Fare type	Rebooking option	Ticketing
Published	Rebook the changed AA operated segmented from BA code to AA code	AA and BA code can be combined on published fares 125 or other JB ticket stock
Private – without NPC	Rebook the changed AA operated segment from the BA coded Private fare to BA coded Published fares; or retain use of BA Private fare but route on BA code over London	Published fares are combinable. Private fares not combinable with JB private fares on JB ticket stock (unless Net Prime Combinability enabled), so Private fare must retain BA code if 125 tickets used
Private - with NPC	Rebook the changed AA operated segment from BA code to AA code	AA and BA code can be combined on NPC enabled on 125 or other JB ticket stock

Example 2

A customer is booked prior to 31 December 2020 onto a BA marketed/IB operated service travelling from Madrid to Miami on 10 January 2021. Their journey does not involve the UK. On 03 January 2020 they contact their travel agent and ask to change their flight to 11 January.

Fare type	Rebooking option	Ticketing
Published	Rebook the changed IB operated segment from BA code to IB code	IB and BA code can be combined on 125 or other JB ticket stock
Private – without NPC	Rebook the changed IB operated segment from BA code to IB code Published fares; or retain use of BA Private fare routed on BA code over London	Published fares are combinable. Private fares not combinable with JB private fares on JB ticket stock (unless Net Prime Combinability enabled), so Private fare must retain BA code if 125 tickets used
Private – with NPC	Rebook the changed IB operated segment from BA code to IB code	IB and BA code can be combined on NPC enabled on 125 or other JB ticket stock

Example 3

A customer wishes to fly from Stuttgart to New York, via London.

- There is no impact to this customer – they can book the BA code in both directions as services to and from Europe, over London, are not impacted.

Example 4

A customer wishes to fly from London to New York and back to London via Paris on an AA operated service, and then back to London on a BA service, without stopover in Paris.

- There is no impact to this customer – they can book the BA code in both directions as services to and from the UK, even if travelling over Europe, are not impacted.