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CATHAY PACIFIC FOLLOWS NEW INDUSTRY PRACTICE IN BAGGAGE PROVISIONS FOR MULTI-CARRIER JOURNEYS

Cathay Pacific Airways announced today that it will follow a new resolution introduced by International Air Transport Association (IATA) for all member airlines in deciding baggage allowance and excess baggage charges for journeys involving multiple carriers.

The IATA new “Baggage Provisions Selection Criteria” (Resolution 302) will apply to all tickets issued after 1 April 2011. Baggage travel allowances and charges for journeys involving more than one carrier will follow the allowances and charges of the "Most Significant Carrier" (MSC) of the journey.

The current practice of following the industry agreed set of allowances and charges for journeys involving multiple carriers will cease to apply after the new resolution comes into effect.

In addition, for journeys originating from or with the furthest point being inside the United States, another definition of MSC is used.

The definition of “Most Significant Carrier” (MSC), in accordance with the IATA resolution, can be found at the Cathay Pacific website www.cathaypacific.com. To find out the MSC of your journey, please contact your travel agent or the Cathay Pacific Reservations Offices.

If the entire journey is solely on Cathay Pacific and/or our sister airline Dragonair, the allowances and charges will not be affected by the Resolution. A Cathay Pacific spokesperson emphasised there will be no changes to Cathay Pacific’s checked baggage allowances, cabin baggage allowances and extra baggage charges.

However for journeys involving multiple airlines issued after 1 April 2011, the baggage policy of MSC will apply. Passengers on such journeys may see an increase or decrease in their free baggage allowance or excess baggage charges, depending on which airline is considered the MSC during the particular trip.

Examples of how passengers will be affected are as follows:

1. Multi sector journey on more than one airline

BEFORE

	Carrier		Free Baggage Allowance	Excess Baggage Rate
Hong Kong-Tokyo (no stop-over)	Cathay Pacific	Follow industry agreed Baggage Allowance and Charge	20 kg	USD60 per kg
Tokyo-London	British Airways			

AFTER

	Carrier	MSC	Free Baggage Allowance	Excess Baggage Rate
Hong Kong-Tokyo (no stop-over)	Cathay Pacific	British Airways	1 piece at 23kg	USD65 for 1 st piece USD145 for each piece after
Tokyo-London	British Airways			



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BEFORE

	Carrier	Follow industry agreed Baggage Allowance and Charge	Free Baggage Allowance	Excess Baggage Rate
Hong Kong-Bangkok (no stop-over)	Cathay Pacific		20 kg	20 kg
Bangkok-London	Thai Airways			

AFTER

	Carrier	MSC	Free Baggage Allowance	Excess Baggage Rate
Hong Kong-Bangkok (no stop-over)	Cathay Pacific	Thai Airways	20 kg	1.5 % of one-way economy class fares (USD36 per kg)
Bangkok-London	Thai Airways			

2. Multi sector journey involving US destinations

BEFORE

	Carrier	Follow industry agreed Baggage Allowance and Charge	Free Baggage Allowance	Excess Baggage Rate	
Hong Kong-Tokyo (Stop-over in Tokyo)	Cathay Pacific			2 pieces at 23kg each	USD20 per kg
Tokyo-Los Angeles	United Airlines				JPY18000 per piece
Los Angeles-Hong Kong	Cathay Pacific	USD150 per piece			

AFTER

	Carrier	MSC	Free Baggage Allowance	Excess Baggage Rate
Hong Kong-Tokyo (Stop-over in Tokyo)	Cathay Pacific	United Airlines	2 pieces at 23kg each	No rate is published by United Airlines, thus follow Cathay Pacific rate at USD20 per kg
Tokyo-Los Angeles	United Airlines			JPY18000 per piece
Los Angeles-Hong Kong	Cathay Pacific			USD200 per piece

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