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1. **BAR UK NEWSLETTERS and OAG**

It is with great pleasure that BAR UK announces the association of **OAG** with our Newsletters.

OAG is a long-standing Associate Member, and is now providing support for these newsletters over the next twelve months.

OAG provide a fantastic range of data for airlines, airports and travellers. PLACE YOUR CURSOR on the **OAG** symbol at the top of the page to see what **OAG** can provide for your data needs. Alternatively, visit: (www.oag.com/graphics/microsite_baruk.htm)

2. BAR UK AIRLINE DIRECTORY 2007



The launch of the BAR UK Airline Directory 2007 takes place today, November 30th.

This publication is a combined initiative of **Centaur Publications**, **ABTN** (Air Business and Travel News) and **BAR UK**. Special thanks go to the ABTN/Centaur team of Malcolm Ginsberg, Paul Robin, Chris Cummings and Gina Cherry for their efforts in bringing this initiative to fruition, and to our own Jane McCaughey for the invaluable proofreading that she undertook!

It features contact details for all BAR UK members and, with the help of OAG, listings for airline carriers that fly into the UK, as well a list of all UK airports and their telephone numbers. (www.abtn.co.uk).

This essential book is now available from Chris Cummings,
e mail: chris.cummings@centaur.co.uk

3. AIRPORT SECURITY

Airport security has remained a high-profile subject in the two months since the last Newsletter.

The result of these developments is that harmonisation now exists for travellers to and from EU countries.

Agreement was reached on the size of hand baggage, and that the IATA recommended dimensions would be fully adopted.

Additionally, a certain amount of liquids and gels can now be taken on board aircraft; this places an onus on airlines, as well as airports, to properly brief their passengers as to what is allowed, and what is not.

An unintended side effect of the new EU rules is that certain transit passengers with duty-free drinks can be adversely affected. It is dependent on where they purchased them. An up-to-date briefing on aviation security regulations is available on the Department for Transport website:

(http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_transsec/documents/page/dft_transsec_613514.hcsp)

BAR UK issued a series of security updates on its own website, and these can be accessed very easily from our 'home' page: (www.bar-uk.org)

4. NEW BAR UK DIRECTOR



An expanded job role, linked to a lot more long-distance travel, has required **Wolde Abza** of Ethiopian Airlines to relinquish his directorship of BAR UK. Wolde not only contributed to BAR UK at Board level, but also chaired the Immigration Working Group. The thanks of the Board, and the BAR UK secretariat, go to him for all his good work.

In his place, the Board has co-opted, and welcomed, **Mr Dale Keller**, Regional Manager UK/Ireland for Air Mauritius.

5. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

We say farewell to some delegates, but are pleased to welcome their replacements:

<u>Airline member</u>	<u>Welcome</u>	<u>Farewell</u>
Biman Bangladesh	Mr Syed Moin Uddin Ahmed	Mr Muhammad Ali
Croatia Airlines	Mr Tonko Rilovic	Mr Boris Kolka
Malaysia Airlines	Mr Syed Abdillah Aziz	Mr Lim Cheng Hoe
Royal Air Maroc	Ms Saida Najjoullah	Mr Abdelhamid Khalil
Turkmenistan	Jas Randeva (interim)	Mr Kakageldy Soyunov
Yemen Airways	Mr Jubran Aljahdari	Mr Abdulwahab Sadaka

6. NEW CATEGORY OF 'AFFILIATE' MEMBERSHIP

BAR UK members have voted unanimously to establish the category of 'Affiliate Member'.

Airlines now authorise other carriers to operate flights on their behalf. With the range of issues that BAR UK now undertakes on behalf of its members, clarity was required as to how BAR UK related to these carriers.

It was decided, and voted upon, that an airline may be an Affiliate member provided:

- All its flights to/from/within the UK are exclusively on behalf of a BAR UK member
- Attendance at BAR UK meetings is restricted to the existing BAR UK delegate, and not the Affiliate member.

7. BAR UK GENERAL MEETINGS 2007

Three General Meetings are planned for next year.

Date	Venue	Remarks
Friday 09 February	BAA Academy, LHR	Generously sponsored by Heathrow Airport Limited.
Wednesday 23 May (Includes the AGM)	Business Design Centre, Islington, London	Generously sponsored by Eye For Travel exhibition.
Friday 19 October	To be confirmed	
All meetings are 0930 hours for 1000hrs unless otherwise advised		

8. e-BORDERS



The e-Borders (electronic borders) programme is at a stage where secondary legislation is being sought regarding the amount of flight, passenger, and crew, information that will be required, and the format in which it will be required. It covers ALL flights into, and out of, the UK.

This secondary legislation requires what is known as a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) to be undertaken. In this instance, carriers have the opportunity to respond as to how the proposed legislation affects them.

The RIA has demonstrated that whilst the benefits to the UK will be at least GBP410 million over a 15 year period, the benefits to carriers will be a mere GBP1 million.

e-Borders is seen as an essential programme for the border control authorities, and is one which has had the full cooperation of BAR UK and others in the aviation community.

Naturally, BAR UK, with great assistance from some of its member airlines, is continuing to fully cooperate with the border control authorities, especially in areas of procedural and technical development. We participate in frequent government/carrier workshops that are designed to co-ordinate stakeholder efforts. Dialogue and cooperation is certainly constructive, and everyone's contributions are valuable and worthwhile.

However, the areas of expenditure and benefits are issues that need much more clarification, and are now being addressed by BAR UK with the relevant authorities.

9. SERVICE QUALITY REBATES – HEATHROW & GATWICK

The pricing regulation systems at Heathrow and Gatwick require rebates to be made to airline customers when performance levels for specified standards fall below them.

BAA has asked the CAA for such rebates to the security queuing standards at Heathrow and Gatwick to be suspended for several months, due to the substantial change to search requirements that were introduced on August 10th. They contend that the revised security standards cannot be introduced that quickly, and that the rebates for underperformance should not apply until matters have been rectified.

The CAA has now consulted the airline community for its views.

BAR UK has objected to the BAA's proposals, and provided several different reasons as to why they should not be approved.

A decision from the CAA is awaited in due course.

10. GATWICK EXPRESS



The current consultation closes on December 22, and BAR UK will be providing a response.

Four options have been published in the consultation document, only one of which is seen as feasible for the ever-growing number of airline passengers using this award-winning train service.

An update will be provided as soon as the outcome to the consultation is known.

11. OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Over the next two months, the BAR UK office will be closed as follows:

- 11 December-15 December inclusive
- 25 December - 02 January inclusive

The next BAR UK Newsletter will be at the end of
January 2007

