

NDC Release Notes

The NDC Release Notes provide the latest updates on NDC and API functionalities and enhancements that can improve your implementation.



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Please find below the latest news and updates of Lufthansa Group NDC content.

1. Sustainable Aviation Fuel Services

To advance the Lufthansa Group's Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) strategy and associated targets, this initiative focuses on enabling SAF sales in the NDC environment. It is designed to broaden customer access to sustainability options by providing a CO₂ reduction mechanism. This feature is not equivalent to the CO₂ offsetting currently available in the Lufthansa Group direct sales channels (.coms).

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is listed as a purchasable ancillary product in the Service List, available in addition to any fare, except for fares that include a form of environmental compensation, such as Green Fares and Sustainable Corporate Value Fares (SCVF), which already incorporate 100% CO₂ offsetting.

NDC API and Baseline customers will have the option to book a 10%, 20% or 50% CO₂ emission reduction by SAF purchase. For SPRK users, the first launch will be limited to a 10% CO₂ emission reduction by SAF, the remaining two reduction options will follow with one of the next releases.

Applicability

In Scope

- LHG operated own flights including own codeshare and marketing flights
- WK operated flights with an LX codeshare flight number
- Wetlease operations where Lufthansa Group has revenue control (RCC)

Out of Scope

- Codeshares and interlines
- Travels originating from MX, VE, PA, IN, AR, CN
- Fares that include a form of environmental compensation, such as Green Fares and Sustainable Corporate Value Fares (SCVF)

Collection method

- The currency of the calculated SAF service is converted into POS currency
- When SAF Service is purchased, a multi-coupon EMD-A with Service Code "FSAF" and RFISC "FEO" is issued
- When SAF service is purchased in conjunction with any Order (regardless if changeable or refundable) and the Order is cancelled, SAF EMD-A will be refunded.
- SAF service can be purchased after booking and anytime pre- / or post-ticketing

2. Refine Shopping Offers for IC market and with best pricing option is Y or C

During Shopping (Air Shopping Request) with Best Price Option (BPO) Y or C, only the cheapest offers for each flight connection can be retrieved. In many cases the Lufthansa Group fare brand Economy Light is returned, which can only be combined for out- and inbound with offers of the same brand. Unfortunately, the Light brand is not available on all intercontinental flight connections. This might lead to the situation where the API consumer might try to combine an Intercontinental Economy Light fare with another Economy fare (for example Economy Basic) on Return and Open – Jaw itineraries. Due to the combinability constraint the subsequent pricing transaction will fail.

To prevent this situation, Lufthansa Group implemented a solution in case of searches for Return or Open – Jaw itineraries in PCC with app setting Single Offer ID = N (LHG Standard). With Best Pricing Option set to Y or C, the response will return up to two Offers: Light brand (if available) and the next best price available brand. Thus, it is assured that valid and bookable options (including the Light fares) are returned. It is the API consumer's responsibility to ensure only valid, combinable fares are selected according to the combinability rules provided.