

baggage liability to be at least \$2500 per passenger.”

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§ 254.6 Periodic adjustments.

The Department of Transportation will review the minimum limit of liability prescribed in this part every two years. The Department will use the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers as of July of each review year to calculate the revised minimum liability amount. The Department will use the following formula:

$\$2500 \times (a/b)$ rounded to the nearest \$100 where:

a = July CPI-U of year of current adjustment

b = Most current CPI-U figure when final rule is issued.

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PART 255—CARRIER-OWNED COMPUTER RESERVATIONS SYSTEMS

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§ 255.1 Purpose.

(a) The purpose of this part is to set forth requirements for the operation by air carriers and their affiliates of computer reservations systems used by travel agents so as to prevent unfair, deceptive, predatory, and anticompetitive practices in air transportation.

(b) Nothing in this part operates to exempt any person from the operation of the antitrust laws set forth in subsection (a) of the first section of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12).

§ 255.2 Applicability.

This rule applies to air carriers and foreign air carriers that themselves or through an affiliate own, control, operate, or market computerized reservations systems for travel agents in the United States, and to the sale in the United States of interstate, overseas, and foreign air transportation and of other airline services through such systems. Each carrier that owns, controls, operates, or markets a system shall ensure that the system's operations comply with the requirements of this part.

§ 255.3 Definitions.

Affiliate means any person controlling, owned by, controlled by, or under common control with a carrier.

Availability means information provided in displays with respect to the seats carrier holds out as available for sale on a particular flight.

Carrier means any air carrier, any foreign air carrier, and any commuter air carrier, as defined in 49 U.S.C. 1301(3), 49 U.S.C. 1301(22), and 14 CFR 298.2(f), respectively, that is engaged directly in the operation of aircraft in passenger air transportation.

Discriminate, discrimination, and discriminatory mean, respectively, to discriminate unjustly, unjust discrimination, and unjustly discriminatory.

Display means that system's presentation of carrier schedules, fares, rules or availability to a subscriber by means of a computer terminal.

Integrated display means any display that includes the schedules, fares, rules, or availability of all or a significant proportion of the system's participating carriers.

On-time performance code means a single-character code supplied by a carrier