

ARGENTINA: CONCERNING CENTRAL BANK DEVELOPMENTS TO CURB DOLLAR OUTFLOW

The Central Bank (BCRA) adopted a series of measures to safeguard its reserves and control the strong increase of imports over the past months. The measures impact those companies whose import volumes have increased over 105% (measured in USD) compared to 2021. Air travel and tourism are currently exempt from this new measure and the repatriation of funds has not been restricted for airlines so far. However, BCRA has reached out to all industries, including airlines, to provide information on the origin of funds to be repatriated and specific company's financial transaction data. On July 13, fiscal authority AFIP issued a resolution, effective immediately, increasing income tax retention levied on all international purchases from 35% to 45%, including international air tickets, another measure to discourage the outflow of reserves. IATA is requesting a meeting with Argentina's Government to address the above topics and potential impacts on airlines serving the country. For more details, please contact IATA's Area Manager for Argentina, Paraguay & Uruguay, [Maria Jose Taveira](#).



BAHAMAS: FIR OVERFLIGHT CHARGING SCHEME

IATA hosted the Bahamas Air Navigation Services Authority (BANSAs) for a meeting to discuss the air navigation services charging scheme that has been in place for 12 months, in particular the overflight charge as airlines experienced an increase from \$26 to \$51.60 per 100NM. We requested BANSAs to provide transparency on the establishment of its organization and infrastructure investment plan and to indicate what costs for the investment plan will be assigned to which users. IATA confirmed a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation of the Bahamas on July 26 where we will request a new consultation that is aligned with ICAO's principles of transparency and cost-relatedness. Besides highlighting the issue in the media, IATA also escalated the industry's concerns to the FAA and US State Department, and we are further exploring options individual governments could take regarding the potential violation of air services agreements by the Bahamas. For more details, please contact IATA's Area Manager for the Caribbean, [Annaleen Lord](#).



BRAZIL: UPDATE ON BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

On 14 June, President Bolsonaro vetoed the article of MP1089 that intended to reinstate the free baggage allowance requirement in Brazil for domestic and international flights after an intense advocacy effort with the Government via a series of letters, op-eds, and meetings to highlight the detrimental effects of this proposal. MP1089 now returns to Congress, where the President's veto will be discussed again and ultimately confirmed or potentially overridden. IATA and other associations met with parliamentary authorities in Brasilia on July 6 to urge the Congress to maintain the veto. We anticipate that congressional discussion of the veto could be deferred until after the presidential election is held in October. For details, please contact IATA's Assistant Director of External Relations for Brazil, [Marcelo Pedroso](#).



BRAZIL: GRU ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION TAX

The Municipality of the City of Guarulhos fast-tracked and approved legislation that will impose an environmental preservation tax (TPA) to be paid by airlines operating at GRU airport, effective 1 January 2023. The total TPA will be calculated by multiplying 3 Guarulhos Tax Units (UFGs [3UFGs average R\$ 11.81 ≈ US\$2.45]) per ton of aircraft weight before take-off (MTOW). The industry has expressed its concerns on the proposed tax and we are pursuing legal action against the City of Guarulhos as the measure contravenes the federal law under which aviation-related emissions are regulated. For more details, please contact IATA's Country Manager for Brazil, [Dany Oliveira](#).



COLOMBIA: ANLA APPROVED RESOLUTION RESULTING IN INCREASED CAPACITY

Following efforts from IATA and the industry, Colombia's National Authority of Environmental Licenses (ANLA) approved a resolution authorizing Aerocivil (CAA) to implement Phase II of the environmental license at BOG. This new phase increases capacity at BOG between 0500 and 0600 from 18 to 50 ops/hour. ANLA also adopted IATA's recommendations to implement "reference noise values" instead of previous "chapter/stage values," further alleviating some restrictions. For more details, please contact IATA's Country Manager for Colombia, [Andres Uribe](#)



MEXICO: DIFFICULTY FOR BRAZILIAN NATIONALS TO ATTAIN ELECTRONIC VISAS

Mexico implemented an electronic travel authorization process for select nationalities (including Brazilians) aiming to better control entry to Mexico and ease the process for immigration authorities. Unfortunately, the process has not been successful and many fraudulent electronic travel authorizations for Brazilians have been identified. As result, Mexico's Foreign Affairs Ministry made the process more stringent by limiting the number of visas allowed to be processed at the website, resulting in no shows at airports in Brazil and is impacting operations in CUN and MEX where arriving Brazilians are refused entry by Mexico's immigration. IATA pressed Mexico's authorities for swift action who confirmed to IATA that they are working to re-establish a physical process for visa issuance for Brazilians. IATA further voiced concerns by engaging the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Tourism, Communication and Transportation and Civil Aviation Authority AFAC. For more details, please contact IATA's Country Manager for Mexico, [Cuit Gutierrez](#).



PERU: MTC AND LAP AGREE ON A SINGLE TERMINAL SCHEME FOR NEW LIM AIRPORT

The Ministry of Transport and Communications (MTC) and Lima Airport Partners (LAP) announced they will stop pursuing a two-terminal proposal and committed to refocus efforts on building one new large terminal which is preferred by airlines as it will ensure operational efficiencies and appropriate infrastructure to meet passenger demand at the country's main airport. We expect the written termination of the agreement between MCT with LAP for the two-terminal option in the coming weeks to formalize that new LIM will only have a single new terminal. For more details, please contact IATA's Country Manager for Peru & Bolivia, [Martin la Rosa](#).



UNITED STATES: CLIMATE RISK IMPACTS ON FINANCING

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would require publicly-traded companies to explain in their regular disclosures to investors how certain climate-related risks can affect their finances. Companies will be required to calculate these potential costs from data they already compile for periodic disclosures to investors. In addition, companies will be required to disclose detailed data on their scope 1,2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions. IATA and A4A filed [comments](#) on behalf of the industry. For more details, please contact IATA's Vice President, Member & External Relations for North America, [Doug Lavin](#).

