

Dear IATCI Members,

AF did a proposal concerning this item at the last IATCI meeting in SYD. As agreed during this meeting, this item needed to be clarified, and a new argumentation was done in the ZRH sub-group meeting last APR,08th We did clearly notify that option A (for ADD) and R (for REPLACE) would definitely not have the same result.

Nevertheless, we continue to receive comments from some partners saying that : " there is no clear evidence why the "R" (replace) function is required since it applies the same logic as the current "A" (add)".

It is said that R and A ,as described in the IATCI Imp Guide , give the same result

This argument is totally false for following reason :

A data present in a record and unpresent in the UAP segment option "R" has to be cancelled. A data unpresent in the UAP segment option "add" has to be not cancelled.

Eventually, i propose to suppress following sentence in order to make it still more clear :

Nevertheless the receiving system may choose to keep data already present.

The idea of this proposal is to have the same philosophy as fo baggage handling. Option "R" is clear to anyone for baggage, it should be the same for APIS data.

Hoping there is no more ambiguity concerning that matter, AF have confidence in the IATCI members vote.

With Best Regards,  
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