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United States District Court

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. M 06-1793 CRB
MDL No. 1793
PRETRIAL ORDER #1

IN RE: INTERNATIONAL AIR
TRANSPORTATION AND SURCHARGE
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

This Order Relates to:
ALL CASES

_____ The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (“the Panel”) has transferred to this Court for coordinated pretrial proceedings certain antitrust actions relating to an alleged conspiracy to fix prices for long haul passenger flights to and from the United Kingdom. As the number and complexity of these actions warrant holding a single, coordinated initial case management conference for all actions in In Re: International Air Transportation Surcharge Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1793, the Court ORDERS as follows:

1. APPLICABILITY OF ORDER --- Prior to the initial pretrial conference and entry of a comprehensive order governing all further proceedings in this case, the provisions of this Order shall govern the practice and procedure in those actions that were transferred to this Court by the Panel. This Order also applies to all related cases filed in all divisions of the Northern District of California and all “tag-along actions” later filed in, removed to, or

1 transferred to this Court.

2 2. CONSOLIDATION --- The civil actions transferred to this Court or related to
3 the actions already pending before this Court are consolidated for pretrial purposes. Any
4 "tag-along actions" later filed in, removed to, or transferred to this Court, or directly filed in
5 the Northern District of California, will automatically be consolidated with this action
6 without the necessity of future motions or orders. This consolidation does not constitute a
7 determination that the actions should be consolidated for trial, nor does it have the effect of
8 making any entity a party to any action in which he, she or it has not been named, served or
9 added in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

10 3. DATE OF INITIAL CONFERENCE AND AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE --
11 Matters relating to pretrial and discovery proceedings in these cases will be addressed at an
12 initial pretrial conference on **Friday, December 8, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.** before Judge Charles
13 R. Breyer in Courtroom 8, 19th Floor, United States Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate Avenue,
14 San Francisco, California. The parties shall be prepared to discuss a schedule for resolving
15 the competing motions for appointment as interim lead counsel and the motions for
16 preliminary approval of settlement. Accordingly, the hearings on the pending motions for
17 preliminary approval of settlement and appointment of interim lead counsel are VACATED
18 and the motions for shortened time are DENIED as MOOT. If the parties have any
19 suggestions as to additional agenda items for the initial conference, these suggestions shall be
20 filed by **December 4, 2005.**

21 4. INITIAL CONFERENCE APPEARANCES --- Each party represented by
22 counsel shall appear at the initial pretrial conference through the party's attorney who will
23 have primary responsibility for the party's interest in this litigation. Parties not represented
24 by counsel may appear in person or through an authorized and responsible agent. To
25 minimize costs and facilitate a manageable conference, parties with similar interests may
26 agree, to the extent practicable, to have an attending attorney represent the party's interest at
27 the conference. A party will not by designating an attorney to represent the party's interest at
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1 the conference be precluded from other representation during the litigation, nor will
2 attendance at the conference waive objections to jurisdiction, venue or service.

3 5. RESPONSE EXTENSION AND STAY--- Defendants are granted an
4 extension of time for responding by motion or answer to the complaint(s) until a date to be
5 set by this Court. Pending the initial conference and further orders of this Court, all
6 outstanding discovery proceedings are stayed, and no further discovery shall be initiated.

7 6. MASTER DOCKET FILE --- All pleadings and filings shall be made in the
8 master file, **No. M 06-1793 CRB**. The caption of each pleading shall read “In Re:
9 International Air Transportation Surcharge Antitrust Litigation” and, in addition to the
10 master file number, shall include the identification “MDL No. 1793.” When a pleading is
11 intended to apply to all actions, this shall be indicated by the words: “This Document Relates
12 to All Cases.” When a pleading is intended to apply to fewer than all cases, this Court’s
13 docket number for each individual case to which the document number relates shall appear
14 immediately after the words “This Document Relates to.”

15 7. FILING --- This case is subject to Electronic Case Filing (“ECF”), pursuant to
16 General Order 45, Section VI of which requires that all documents in such a case be filed
17 electronically. General Order 45 provides at Section IV (A) that “Each attorney of record is
18 obligated to become an ECF User and be assigned a user ID and password for access to the
19 system upon designation of the action as being subject to ECF.” If she or he has not already
20 done so, counsel shall register forthwith as an ECF User and be issued an ECF User ID and
21 password. Forms and instructions can be found on the Court’s Web site at
22 ecf.cand.uscourts.gov.

23 All documents shall be e-filed in the master file, M 06-1793 CRB. Documents that
24 pertain to one or only some of the pending actions shall *also* be e-filed in the individual
25 case(s) to which the document pertains.

26 8. DOCKETING NEW CASES --- When an action that properly belongs as part
27 of In Re: International Air Transportation Surcharge Antitrust Litigation is filed after the date
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1 of this Order in the Northern District of California or transferred here from another court, the
2 Clerk of this Court shall:

- 3 a. File a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action;
- 4 b. Make an appropriate entry on the master docket sheet;
- 5 c. Mail to the attorneys for the plaintiff in the newly filed or transferred case a
6 copy of this Order;
- 7 d. Upon the first appearance of any new defendant, mail to the attorneys for
8 the defendant in such newly filed or transferred cases a copy of this Order.

9 9. APPEARANCES --- Counsel who appeared in a transferor court prior to
10 transfer need not enter an additional appearance before this Court. Moreover, attorneys
11 admitted to practice and in good standing in any United States District Court are admitted pro
12 hac vice in this litigation, and the requirements of Northern District of California Local Rule
13 11-3 are waived. Association of local counsel is not required.


14 10. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE --- All parties and their counsel are
15 reminded of their duty to preserve evidence that may be relevant to this action. The duty
16 extends to documents, data, and tangible things in the possession, custody and control of
17 the parties to this action, and any employees, agents, contractors, carriers, bailees, or
18 other nonparties who possess materials reasonably anticipated to be subject to discovery
19 in this action. "Documents, data, and tangible things" shall be interpreted broadly to
20 include writings, records, files, correspondence, reports, memoranda, calendars, diaries,
21 minutes, electronic messages, voice mail, E-mail, telephone message records or logs,
22 computer and network activity logs, hard drives, backup data, removable computer
23 storage media such as tapes, discs and cards, printouts, document image files, Web
24 pages, databases, spreadsheets, software, books, ledgers, journals, orders, invoices, bills,
25 vouchers, checks statements, worksheets, summaries, compilations, computations,
26 charts, diagrams, graphic presentations, drawings, films, charts, digital or chemical
27 process photographs, video, phonographic, tape or digital recordings or transcripts
28 thereof, drafts, jottings and notes, studies or drafts of studies or other similar such

1 material. Information that serves to identify, locate, or link such material, such as file
2 inventories, file folders, indices, and metadata, is also included in this definition. Until
3 the parties reach an agreement on a preservation plan or the Court orders otherwise,
4 each party shall take reasonable steps to preserve all documents, data and tangible things
5 containing information potentially relevant to the subject matter of this litigation.
6 Counsel is under an obligation to the Court to exercise all reasonable efforts to identify
7 and notify parties and non-parties, including employees of corporate or institutional
8 parties.

9 11. FILING OF DISCOVERY REQUESTS --- In accordance with Rule 5(d) of
10 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, discovery requests and responses are not to be filed
11 with the Clerk nor sent to the Judge's Chambers, except to the extent needed in connection
12 with a motion.

13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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15 Dated: November 28, 2006

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18 CHARLES R. BREYER
19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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