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Power Packs – When are they Boarded?

With the recent contract ratification meal allowances will be paid outright starting December 2015 on Domestic, Transborder and Southern destination pairings as per Article 7.02. (Southern destinations that receive expense allowances paid are those that are not international, i.e. that do not have a 24 hour crew rest at home base.) Power packs will continue to be boarded for sustenance but will not replace any Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner allowance. This brings up the question “When are Power Packs boarded?” **The following information explains the mystery of Power Packs.**

If during your duty day, your pairing does NOT allow for a 90-minute break to obtain some nourishment, the following applies:

- On duty periods of 6-8 hours where no 90-minute ground break is scheduled a PP(Power Pack) is to be boarded
- On duty periods of 8 hours or more where no 90-minute ground break is scheduled, a PP and a SS are to be boarded

In addition, whenever expenses are paid as per 7.02 domestic/transborder meal allowances, the calculation of the 90-minute ground time starts following the leg on which you accrued the meal expense. Each time a 90-minute break occurs, the duty calculation above is reset.

If the applicable PP or SS (described above) is NOT boarded, NO monetary compensation will be provided

If, during your duty day, your pairing has a ground time of 1:30, you will not receive any of the above (PP or SS) as these 90 minutes are determined to be adequate time to obtain some nourishment.

Example:

T8014 OPERATES/OPER- 29JAN - 29JAN

320	480	YYZ 0630	YUL 0749	119	234	2156		BLD
								- HYATT REGENCY
319	1518	YUL 0700	ZIH 1200	600				HB
319	1517	ZIH 1300	YYZ 1845	445	1300			HD L

(INC-\$05.05 CICO) TOTAL ALLOWANCE -\$ 105.82

On day 2 of pairing T8014 the duty day is 13 hours and the time

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between flights 1518 and 1517 is one hour therefore there would be a power pack (PP) and a sandwich snack (SS) boarded on the second leg, but no Hot Breakfast or Hot Dinner. Instead you would get an additional \$15.02 for breakfast and \$33.70 for dinner.

Crews should be aware that this means there will be little or no food onboard flights for your consumption, so we advise you to plan accordingly and make sure you have money on hand to purchase meals. We also advise you check security and customs regulations if you are transporting food items through security or transborder.

There are no changes to the way international meal expense allowances are calculated or paid. For more information, refer to LOU 43.

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