

STATE OF ISRAEL

MINISTRY OF FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Request for Information

Establishing Direct Scheduled Flights between Israel and Argentina

Background and Purpose

The Government of Israel, in cooperation with the Government of Argentina, seeks to enhance bilateral relations, promote tourism and business ties, and provide reliable connectivity between the two nations. Currently, there are no direct scheduled flights connecting Israel and Argentina.

The governments view the establishment of a regular air link as a strategic step to:

- Strengthen diplomatic and economic relations.
- Expand tourism and cultural exchange.
- Facilitate business opportunities for companies in both countries.
- Provide convenient and frequent travel options for passengers, including the large Jewish community in Argentina.

This request for information invites Eligible Airlines (as defined below) to submit their interest in operating scheduled flights between Israel and Argentina, for the knowledge and review of the Israeli Ministry of Finance, all in accordance of this Request for Information.

Eligibility Criteria

An Eligible Airline for the purpose of this Request for Information shall be an airline interested in participating and meeting all the following requirements:

1. **Traffic Rights** – The airline must already hold valid traffic rights to operate flights to/from Israel and Argentina under existing bilateral or multilateral agreements.
2. **Operational Experience** – A minimum of two (2) years of experience in operating international scheduled passenger services.
3. **Flight Frequency** – A commitment to operate at least **two (2) and up to three (3) weekly direct flights** between Israel and Argentina.
4. **Compliance** – Adherence to all relevant aviation safety, security, and operational regulations of both Israel and Argentina, as well as international aviation standards.

It is clarified hereby that the Government of the State of Israel via the Ministry of finance shall be permitted at its sole discretion to add, to omit, and to change the abovementioned criteria.

Government Support

- The Ministry of Finance shall review the notices submitted by the Eligible Airlines, in order to examine and establish a transparent mechanism of financial incentives to support eligible carriers, if deemed necessary, all under the discretion of the Government of the State of Israel and under the applicable Israeli law and procedure.
- Incentives will be provided only to airlines that launch **regular, nonstop, scheduled passenger flights** between Israel and Argentina, in accordance with this call, as shall be determined at a later stage.
- The mechanism will be designed to encourage fair competition, ensure accessibility for passengers, maintain financial accountability, ensure economic operation and shall be subject to the Israeli law and procedures.

Proposal Submission

Interested airlines are invited to submit a formal proposal that includes the following:

- Company profile and confirmation of traffic rights.
- Evidence of at least two years of international scheduled passenger operations.
- Proposed route plan, schedule, and frequency of flights.
- Fleet information (aircraft type, seating capacity, range).
- Expected start date of operations.
- Any additional information supporting the company's ability to sustain operations on the route.

The Accountant General, in consultation with the relevant ministries and authorities, will review the proposals and will accordingly decide if and how to advance such incentive mechanism, whether through a competitive procedure or another applicable method, all in accordance with the law and its discretion, to select the airlines that will be eligible for the support that will be decided upon.

Submission Deadline and Contact

Proposals must be submitted no later than **October 15, 2025** to:

Ministry of Finance – Accountant General's Department
Jerusalem, Israel
Email: shellik@mof.gov.il

Notes

- The Government of Israel reserves the right to amend or cancel this call at any stage.
- Submitting a notice as part of this Request for Information shall not guarantee entitlement to any incentives at this stage.

- All operations must comply with international aviation treaties, Israeli and Argentine law, and safety regulations.
- This request for information does not obligate the state to ultimately publish a mechanism to support such flights, and all is at its discretion.
- No airline shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses for submitting information in relation to this request.