



WHY JOIN THE AIRLINE CATERING ASSOCIATION?



We are the voice of the inflight catering industry

Inflight catering is a fascinating industry. Prepared on the ground and served in the clouds, we serve meals that defy gravity, overcoming the most complex gastronomic and logistical challenges. We are engaged in a race to the top, aiming to serve better and tastier food, while maintaining high safety and security standards.

BECOME PART OF THE INDUSTRY'S LEADING NETWORK

ACA is the world's premier network of organisations and individuals who shape the airline catering industry, driving positive change from within. Airline caterers are a key stakeholder in the aviation industry, and together we have the expertise to create positive change in areas such as food safety, security and the adoption of environmentally-friendly solutions. Together we are strong enough to tackle our industry's biggest challenges, including reinforced support in the ongoing pandemic:

- We have released a much-awaited hygiene guidance document in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and intend to update and adapt it as the situation unfolds.
- Aware of the lack of acceptable standards regarding return-catering, we are working on the definition of best practices and intend to keep the guidance document up to speed and in line with the international legislation.
- With ground damages being an important liability to the industry, we aim to complement the current lack of international standards with thorough and comprehensive above-the-wing ramp safety guidelines that promote best-in-class operations.

WINNING A SEAT AT THE TABLE

The volume and burden of legislation governing the food and aviation sectors is increasing steadily. ACA ensures that its members aren't passive rule-takers but are actively involved in the shaping of new rules and regulations that are relevant for the in-flight catering industry. By joining ACA, you can make sure that your voice is heard when the future of the industry is discussed:

- We made sure the concerns of the industry were heard by the European Commission when crafting EU Directive 2019/904 on single-use plastics and the definition of polymers in its ensuing guidelines. We continue to monitor the implementation of any similar legislation in the world and intervene if/when appropriate.
- Together with IATA, we have crafted a unique and comprehensive template agreement that proposes legal wording on many aspects – Nominated Products, liability, termination of contract, force majeure but also SLA, etc. – acceptable to both Parties.



BUILDING OUR REPUTATION AND BOOSTING OUR VISIBILITY

ACA is determined to advance the collective interests of its members and build the reputation of the airline catering industry. With an increasing awareness of the industry's contribution to flying and the wider economy, it is crucial for airline caterers to come together to influence and share that story – in person, through the media and social media or at industry events

- We take the pulse of the industry's needs and concerns by organising regular workshops with given experts to determine what the major pain points are and whether and how ACA should intervene.
- We do our best to boost the visibility of both the industry and our members. On top of our regular social media posts (Twitter and LinkedIn), we also work on the publication of our members' network details across the world.

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