



# ETIHAD GETS JANUARY EXTENSION TO END AIR BERLIN CODESHARING

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Germany gave **Etihad** Airways a final deadline to end codesharing on 31 routes with **Air Berlin**, saying that the UAE carrier must find an alternative solution for the connections by January 15 next year.

The decision comes after a court in Braunschweig gave Etihad up until November 8 to end the codeshare agreement. Germany's transport ministry said Friday it extended the decision further to avoid "inconveniencing any passengers who have already bought tickets on the affected routes."

Etihad is in the middle of a dispute on aviation rights between Germany and the UAE. Passengers of both airlines have already booked 82,000 trips on the routes affected, Etihad said.

Air Berlin spokesman Uwe Kattwinkel declined to comment.

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