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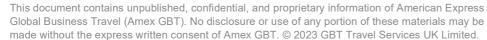




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[AIR | RAIL] ENHANCEMENTS FOR RESULTS PAGE FILTERS

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

Please note that the delivery of this feature will be in Neo 23.4, and not in a service pack.

SYNOPSIS

Filters on the transport results page have been enhanced visually and has been made accessible for disabled users.

This migration will allow further improvements on the page, such as filters and enhancements like the waiting experience.

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[NEO] ON/OFF AND COMPLEX TRIPS

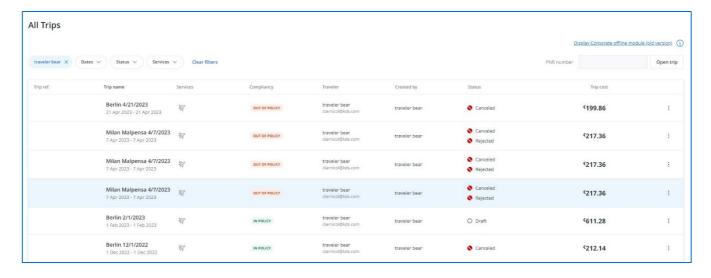
MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger Travel Manager Neo Admin GBT
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No
DEVICE AVAILABILITY	Desktop Mobile (see scope below)

SYNOPSIS

The offline request module is being enhanced as part of the overall process of upgrading the Neo user experience.

With this module, a traveler does not need to know if a request should be sent offline or online. Instead, Neo reads customer rules and, when appropriate, redirects users to the form that will be sent to the agency. This is a "one stop shop" experience where Neo is the point of entry for all travel bookings. This also enables travelers to have a view of all trips in Neo, regardless of whether they were booked online or offline.

The trip list display is also being upgraded, including the ability to display trips booked online and offline.





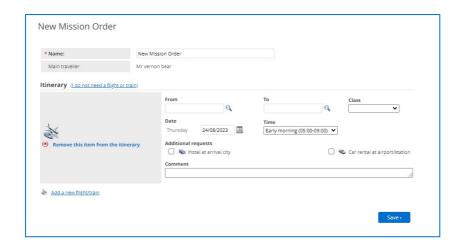


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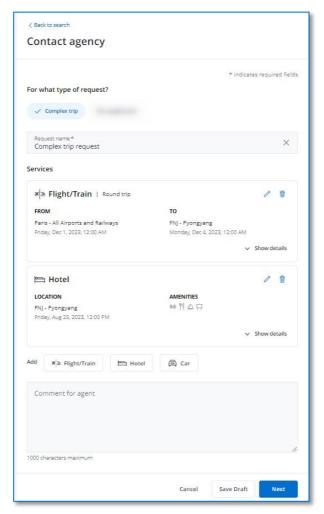
NEW REQUEST FORM

The request form has been completely redesigned, making the user experience more intuitive:

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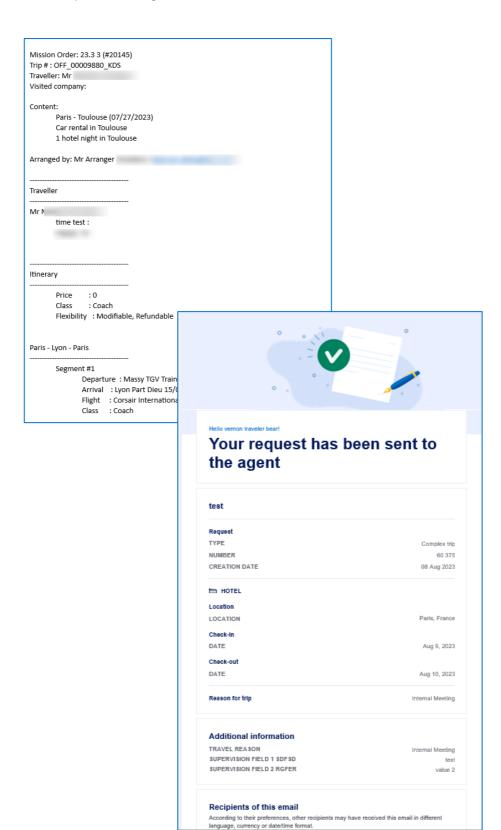


OFFLINE EMAILS

Emails associated to the request form align with all emails.

BEFORE

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This migration requires both activation and configuration in Admin Suite under the node: Travel | Offline

The import of booked itineraries relies on the new import process.

Certain features will not be supported in the new offline request module. These features are:

- LiveAgent
- ELT integration
- Counterproposals

These features are, however, still supported in the older version.

SCOPE

This migration only concerns trip requests.

The new form will be available through mobile so that travelers can submit a request through the mobile view. The history of the request will only be available on desktop.

LIMITATIONS

Support for specific requests such as visas, subscription cards, etc., are not included in this version.

If the **Unused Ticket** functionality is available in the actual Trip List, this will not be yet available in the new Trip List.

UPCOMING RELATED FEATURES

Future Neo releases will target the following enhancements to this functionality:

- Special requests management (subscription card, visas)
- Enhanced queueing logic for scenarios such as:
 - Imported trips
 - Accessibility enhancements
 - More complex approval processes
 - Multi-traveler booking requests





[NEO] NEW TRIP LIST

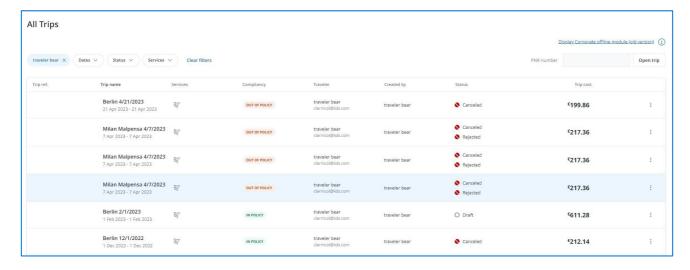
MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

The Trip List display in Neo is being enhanced to improve the overall usability of the page and to enable the page to meet current accessibility standards.

Following this migration, the Trip List has been redesigned and Neo is made more accessible.

Users can see their trip on the Trip List Page, which is available through the menu or via the tile.







SCOPE

Trips booked in Neo and (where available) trips booked through the offline request module will appear in this new list.

Limitations include the following:

- The link which is used to display unused tickets has been temporarily removed will be delivered in a future release.
- Requests and trips from the old offline module (comprising of former corporate pages) will remain in the
 old offline module list which is accessible from a link Display Corporate offline module (old version)
 (see below).



- Content management will no longer be available.
- The Created by filter will be delivered in a future release.
 - Note: this filter allows mainly arrangers to filter trips according to who created the trip.





[NEO APPROVAL] REDESIGN OF THE APPROVAL/REJECTION MODAL

MADE FOR?	Approver
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

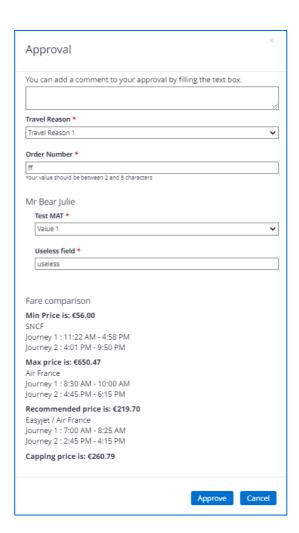
SYNOPSIS

Following the delivery of the new trip list in Neo, approval-related pages have been redesigned.

This includes a wider display and the use of more meaningful colors on decision buttons (red for reject and green for approve).

Additionally, the comment area has also been made wider.

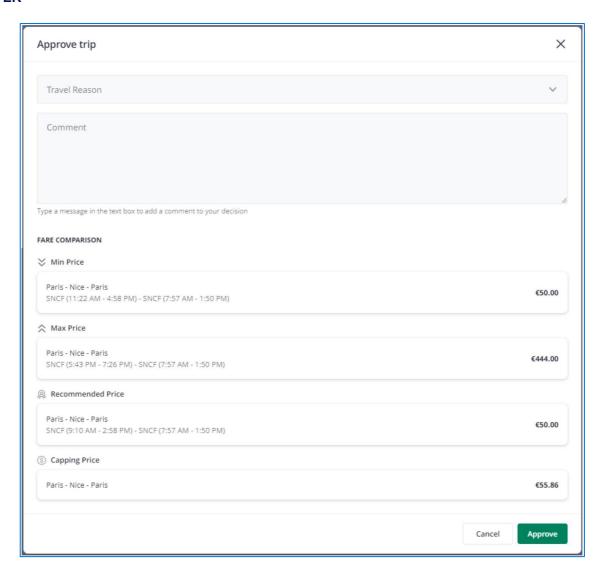
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SCOPE

All current approval functionality is supported, including:

- Supervision fields
- Inventory of associated prices as per configuration
- Comment for either approval or rejections





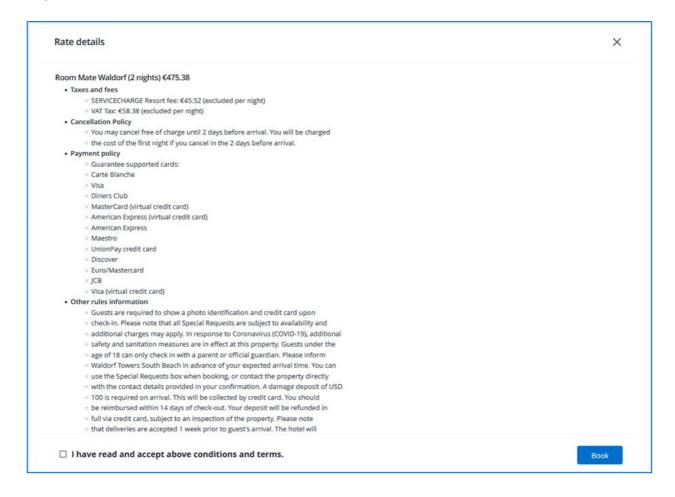
[CHECK-OUT] HOTEL RATE DETAILS

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	Yes – by NTG Admin

SYNOPSIS

The upgrade of the checkout process in Neo is an ongoing project. In this release, we have simplified the presentation and review of hotel rate terms and conditions. See below:

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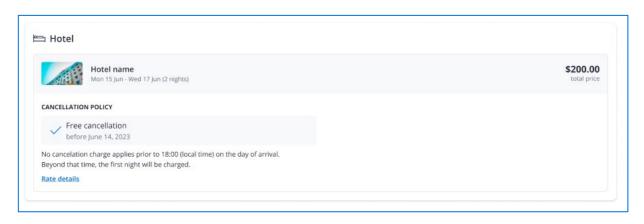






This new display is a more concise summary and follows accessibility standards. Please note that the full rate conditions will remain available through the **Rate Details** link:

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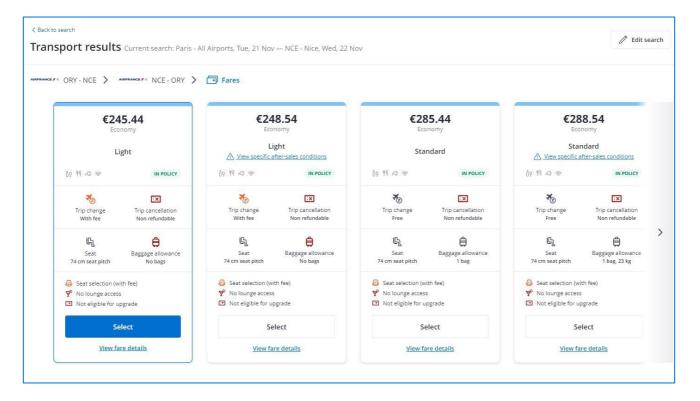
[NDC] INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC AFTER SALES CONDITIONS AND WHEN MODIFICATION IS NOT ALLOWED

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

In recent Neo service pack releases (SP2 and SP3 Neo 23.3), Neo introduced a feature helping users understand their ability to perform certain after-sales operations (e.g., ticket cancelation or modification) related to NDC fares. This information is provided to users during the search and booking process as well as post-booking.

A new link **View specific aftersales conditions** is displayed next to NDC fares, which allows to open an informative modal.

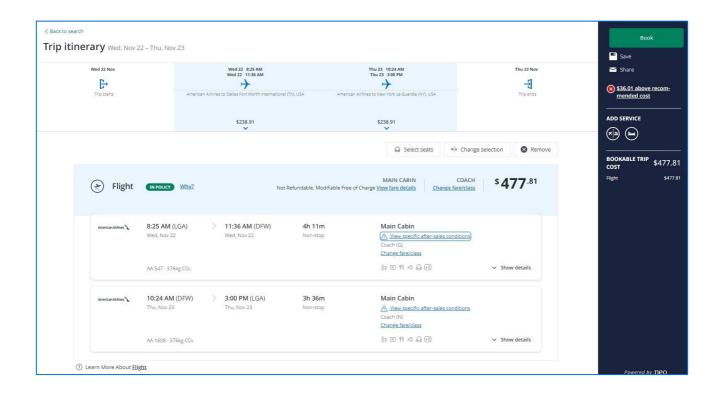


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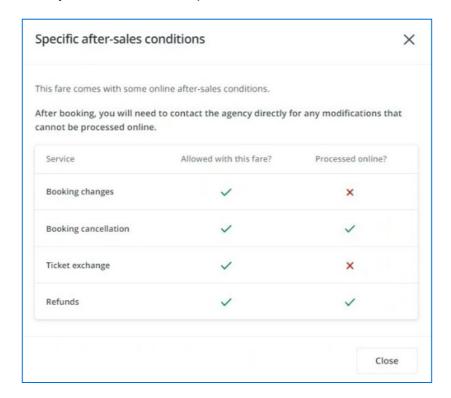


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If the user clicks on the "View specific after-sales conditions" link on the fare display page, an easy-tounderstand visual summary of these conditions is presented.



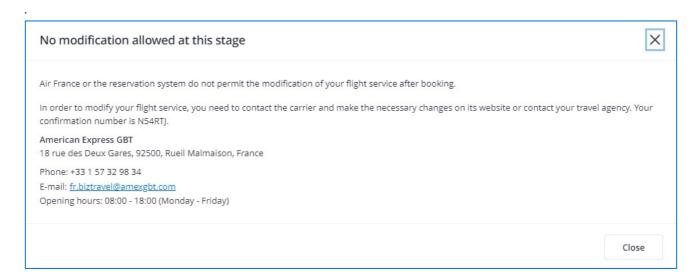
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The display will instruct the user to contact their travel agency for modification of certain bookings.



These features underline the fact that NDC fares often restrict the user's ability to make online after-sales changes, (e.g., ticket cancellation or modification). They also provide further guidance helping users to understand what is feasible online, or when they require them to contact to their travel agency.





[RAIL] EXCHANGE WHEN ALLOWED AFTER DEPARTURE

MADE FOR?	Traveler Travel Manager Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

When on a trip, users are not able to make exchanges online and are obliged to call the travel agency. Beginning on 31 December 2023, agencies will no longer be able to manage these offline, therefore Neo will allow users to do this action online in addition to offering options to agents for the management of exchanges.

Neo will now allow the traveler to exchange the inbound ticket when the outbound one has been traveled for specific rail providers.

SCOPE

The exchange after departure only applies to the following suppliers:

- SNCF
- Finnish Rail





[EXCHANGE] STREAMLINING OF THE EXCHANGE FLOW

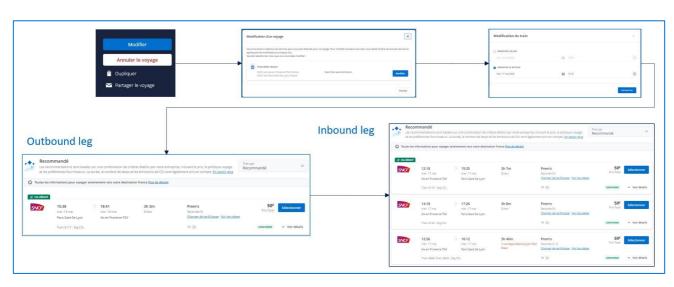
MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

For SNCF and Finnish Rail, travelers will now have the ability to see the actual price of each leg of their journey on the timeline display.

Additionally, the Neo exchange process has been streamlined for both air and rail. As a result, it is no longer necessary to confirm outbound transport service when modifying inbound transport service. Users are also brought directly to the selection of inbound transport service based on their new requirements.

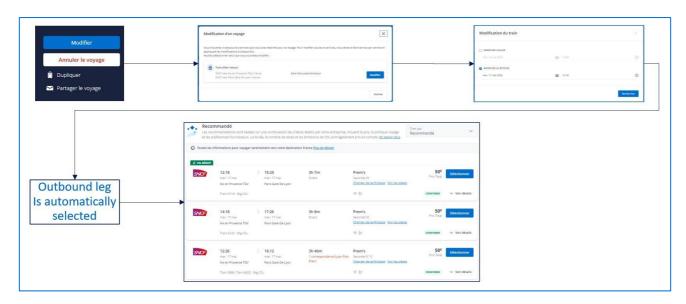
BEFORE







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SCOPE

The price for each leg of a journey display (outbound and inbound) has been made available for:

- SNCF
- Finnish Rail

For air services, the current price allocation on the display of 50% on outbound and 50% on inbound will continue to exist until CRS supports the prices for different legs of a journey.

The exchange streamlined process applies to both air and rail transportation.





[EXCHANGE] DISPLAY OF REASONS WHY EXCHANGE IS NOT ALLOWED

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

At present, since the **Modify** button is always displayed, the user modifying a trip needs to know the reason why the exchange is not allowed for a ticketed service.

A pop-up will be displayed when an exchange is not allowed with a reason and the contact information for the travel agency.

The cases covered by this feature include:

- When a trip is multi-city
- The CRS or the Admin Suite configuration doesn't allow an exchange
- An exchange has previously been requested

The following cases will have the standard message displayed:

- Transportation has been ticketed as "pay as you fly"
- The service which is being exchanged has already been checked-in
- The service being modified has already been flown
- The PNR is not eligible for exchange

NOTE: In future releases of Neo, these scenarios will have additional dedicated messaged assigned to to them. Neo is also working on the ability to exchange after departure for Amadeus and Sabre.





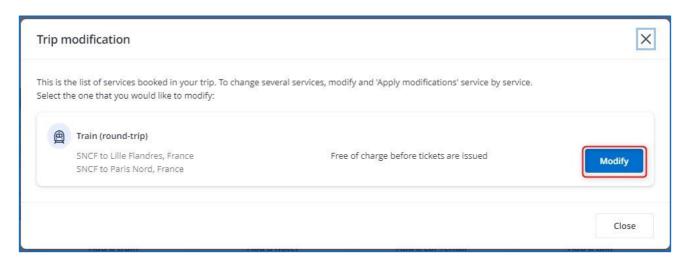
SCOPE

The situations will only occur if the module Exchange has been configured and enabled in Admin Suite.

This node is Travel | Policies | Travel Policies | <Travel Policy Name>

When an exchange is configured, only ticketed services are affected (namely air and rail tickets).

These messages will be displayed when you click on Modify within the Multi Services List:







[TAXI | CONTENT HUB] CHECK-OUT WIZARD ENHANCEMENT

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

Neo continuously aims to render taxi bookings as simple and straight forward as possible for travelers and arrangers alike.

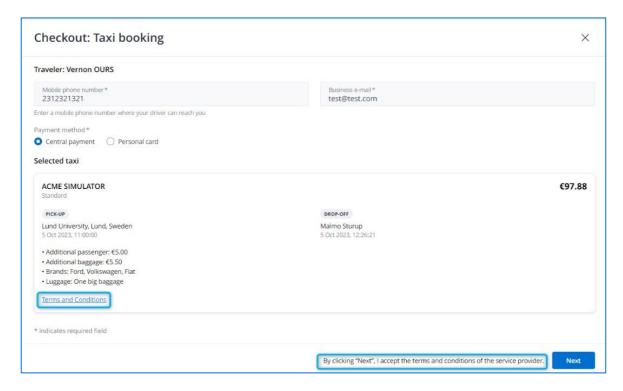
When a traveler is either dropped-off or picked-up at an airport or railway station, the taxi driver may need to know the following information:

- Flight number and terminal at which the traveler is being picked-up or dropped-off
- Train number at which the traveler is being picked-up or dropped-off

When being dropped-off or picked-up at an address which is not an airport or a railway station, the taxi driver only needs the address. Additionally, taxi companies have very detailed "terms and conditions" which must be acknowledged by the person who books the trip, therefore, Neo needs to help travelers in acknowledging these terms.

In this feature, the Content Hub check-out page has been completely revamped, ensuring a more efficient flow.

The "Terms and Conditions" are automatically acknowledged by Neo with the possibility of a review done by the traveler. When the booker clicks on **Next**, Neo assumes that the "Terms and Conditions" are accepted. The booker may also review the "Terms and conditions" before clicking on **Next**.

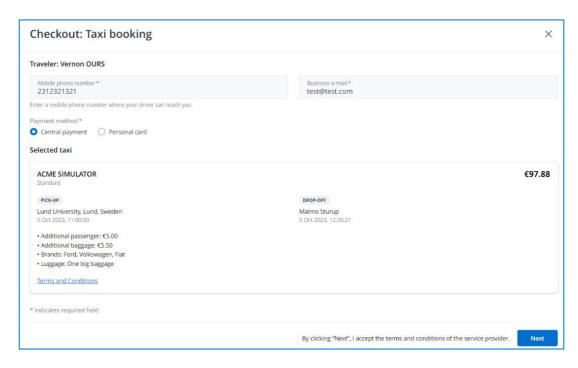








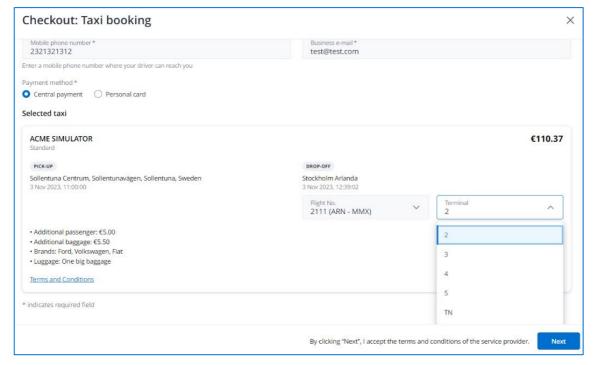
When non airport or railway stations addresses are selected, no further information about the location will be requested:



When the airport station address is selected for pick-up or drop-off:

- The flight number will be pre-populated from the Neo service airport name
- The booker may also decide to select a terminal

Please note that when this concerns a railway station, only the train number will be available and prepopulated:



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This check-out section applies to all taxi providers.

When the taxi provider is *Flyg Taxi*: When the service concerned is a pick-up or a drop-off at an airport or railway station, the train number or flight number becomes mandatory. The booker will not be able to continue until they select a flight or train number.

• It is not possible to book this taxi provider for a ride to or from an airport or a railway station, if there are no rail or air services in the trip





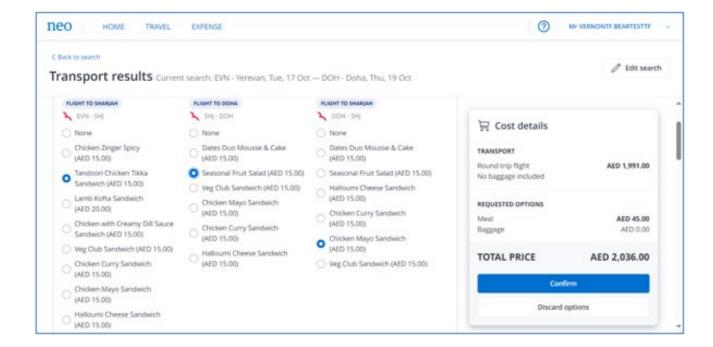
[TRAVELFUSION] MEAL OPTIONS

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger Travel Manager
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

For certain airlines, meal options are presented for the whole trip, by trip leg, or by segment. Recently, Travelfusion has updated the way meal options are handled.

With this enhancement Neo can now display the meal options as is it returned for each airline.







[GDS] SABRE MIGRATION

MADE FOR?	Arranger Travel Manager
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

In an endeavor to offer the best service to customers, Neo continues a technical migration towards the latest Sabre webservices.

With this release, we completed the migration of the modification, and the exchange modules.

Neo also completed the migration of the module which manages the passive segments and the remarks.

This upgrade is completely transparent to the travelers and agencies.





[PASSENGER RIGHTS REGULATION (PRR)] UPDATES FOR DEUTSCHE BAHN

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger Travel Manager
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	Yes – Manual activation required

SYNOPSIS

New regulations from the EU Council - UE Regulation 2021/782 have been applicable since 7 June 2023 for all EU rail carriers. Further details can be found by clicking on this link.

The goal of this reform is to safeguard the rights of rail passengers and improve the quality and effectiveness of rail passenger services. This will help increase the share of rail transport relative to other means of transportation.

The main areas of this regulation include:

- A new notion of 'through-ticket' (in French, billets directs) has been introduced, representing the unique
 transport contract for successive railway services operated by the same or several railways. The objective
 is to identify which carrier, and for which part of the travel segment in the journey it is accountable for.
- Travel information which is affected includes users' rights, compensation, lost luggage process and accessibility.

DEUTSCHE-BAHN

At the time Neo made the necessary enhancements, the Deutsche Bahn integration was not providing all needed information. Neo therefore invites users to get this information for the Passenger Rights directly from the Deutsche Bahn website as follows:

- Passenger rights at Deutsche Bahn: your rights as a passenger
- Deutsche Bahn AG's conditions of carriage

The URLs will be displayed in Neo under **View fare details** which is situated under the tab **Fare details** where users can verify fare conditions.

This information will be available prior to the booking and remain available after the booking.

SCOPE

This is for the Deutsche Bahn direct link only.

IMPORTANT: URLs will be personalized for the following user languages:

- German
- English





REMINDERS OF SERVICE PACK PUBLICATIONS

SERVICE PACK 1 NEO 23.3

[SNCB] RAIL: PASSENGER RIGHTS REGULATION

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger Travel Manager GBT
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No
DEVICE AVAILABILITY	Mobile Tablet Desktop

SYNOPSIS

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This regulation stipulates that it is necessary to display to those booking their trip if the ticket is a throughticket or not, and if not, it must be assumed that it is. This information must be available before and after the booking of the trip is completed.

At the time we made the enhancement, SNCB was not returning the information. Neo users can get the information directly from the SNCB website as follow:

- https://www.b-europe.com/EN/Legal/Conditions-of-Carriage/Contracts-of-carriage
- https://www.belgiantrain.be/en/support/rail-passenger-rights
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This information will be available prior to the booking and remain available after the booking.

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SCOPE

This is for the SNCB Direct Link.

IMPORTANT: URLs will be personalized for the following user languages:

- **English**
- French
- German



[TRANSPORT] AIRLINE E-TICKET IDENTIFIER NO LONGER DISPLAYED

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

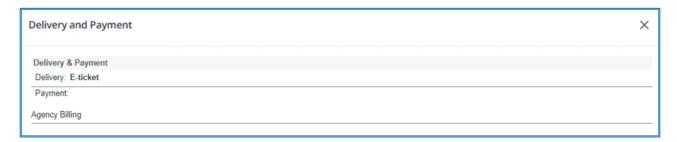
ERRATUM: Contrary to what was published in the Neo 23.3 Release Notes (July 2023), this feature was released during SP1 Neo 23.3

SYNOPSIS

Airlines have automated the way to render e-tickets to travelers. Before, it was necessary for travelers to supply an identifier (e.g., frequent flyer number, credit card, etc) to retrieve their e-ticket.



This information has now been made available to the airline without any involvement from the traveler, who will no longer be asked for this information.



NOTE: This feature for airline e-tickets had not been in use for the past three years.





[HOTEL] AMENITIES: CHARGING STATION FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger Travel Manager
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

Travelers are putting more emphasis on sustainability. For Neo to provide users with solutions that are adapted to sustainable solutions, improvements have been made giving users more insight into the different amenities offered by hotels. This further information prevents users from seeking this information outside of the Neo application.

Users will now be able to filter and see the new amenity **electric car charging station** through the existing filter amenities. This amenity will also be displayed on the hotel results page as well as on the hotel overview page.

Please note that this information depends on the information provided to Neo by sources.

SCOPE

From this service pack (SP1 Neo 23.3), the following sources will be added:

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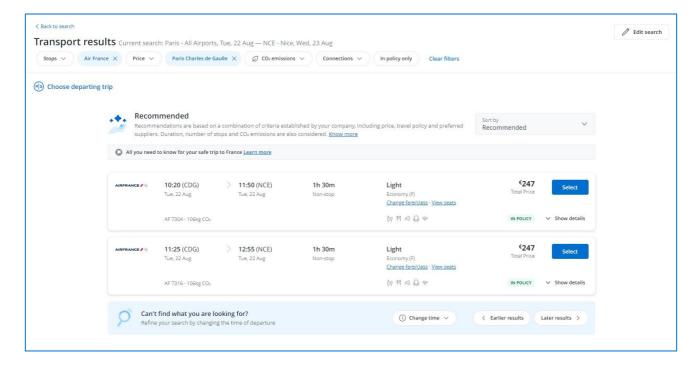
[TRANSPORT] ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORT CARD

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

A new set of controls on the transport results page was included in a recent Neo release. These controls help users to find what they are looking for by refining their search.

To bring further visibility to this feature, these controls are now highlighted in blue and are more visible on the search results page.





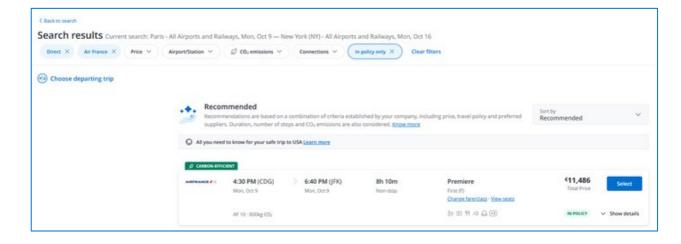


[AIR | RAIL] FILTER ENHANCEMENTS ON THE RESULTS PAGE

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

The air/rail search results page has been enhanced so that the on-screen filters are compatible with accessibility standards. The enhancements will also lay the foundation other usability enhancements in future releases.







SERVICE PACK 2 NEO 23.3

[SNCB] INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC AFTER-SALES CONDITIONS

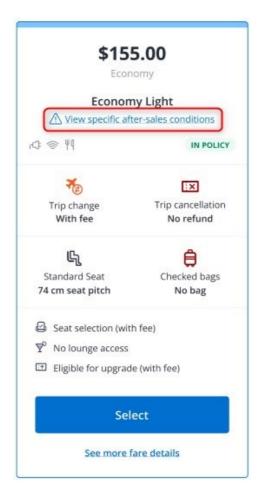
MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

During the search and booking process, Neo will now inform users about the **online** capabilities to perform certain after-sales operations in relation to NDC fares.

A new link **View specific after-sales conditions** will be displayed next to NDC fares which allow to open an informative modal.

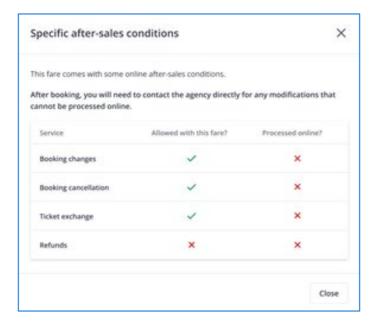








The modal, in addition to providing a summary of fare conditions, will inform users if they can or cannot perform these after-sales operations online, or if they need to contact their agency.



This feature will underline the fact that NDC fares can have some restrictions to perform online after-sales operations, (e.g., ticket cancellation or modification), as to provide further guidance to users as to what is feasible online, or which actions require a contact to their travel agency.



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[HOTEL | CDS] AMENITIES: CHARGING STATION FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger Travel Manager
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No
DEVICE AVAILABILITY	Mobile Tablet Desktop

SYNOPSIS

Information on the availability of electric car charging stations will now be available on the hotel search results page and on the hotel overview page. Availability of this option can also be used as a filter on the hotel search results page.

SCOPE

CDS Direct Link





[SMP AIR] HANDLE REDRESS AND KNOWN TRAVELER NUMBER

MADE FOR?	Traveler Arranger Travel Manager
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

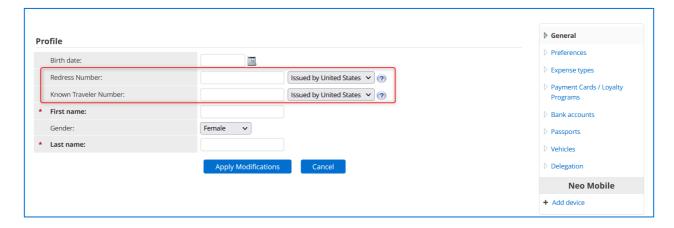
SYNOPSIS

This feature aims to handle both the known traveler number and redress number (which is used for fast entry into the United States) for customers using the SMP Air direct link.

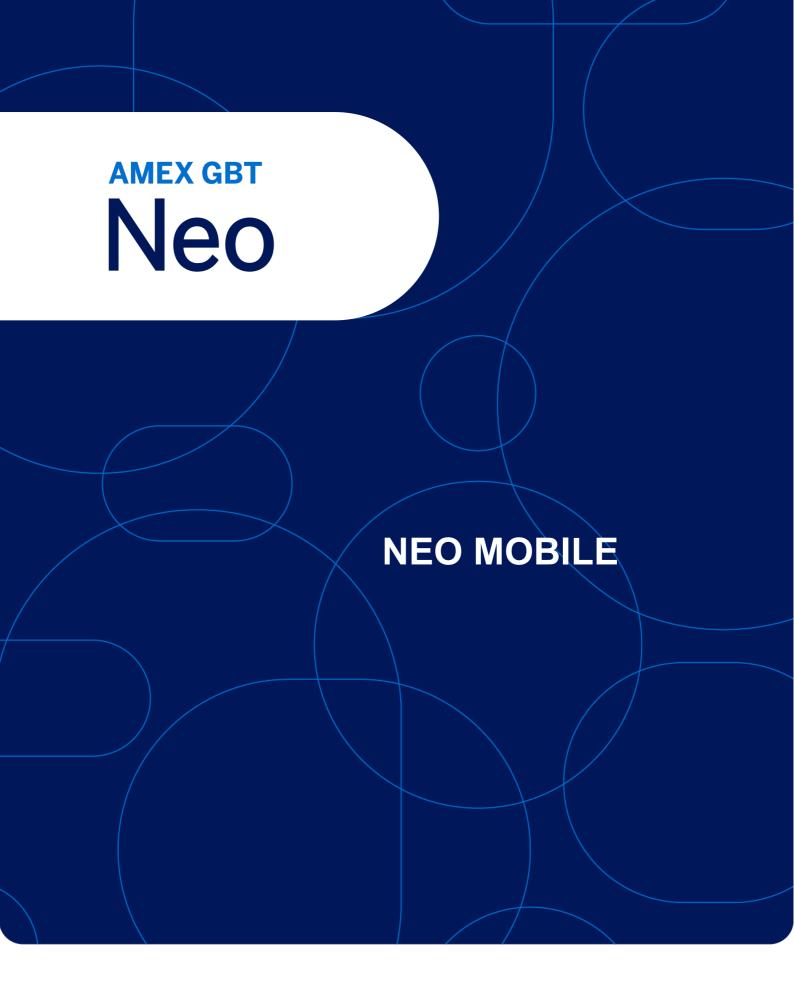
A **Known Traveler Number** is issued to all approved individuals to the US TSA screening. This number will be added in the booking airline travel reservations to have the TSA PreCheck® indicator appear on your boarding pass.

The **Redress Control Number** (Redress Number) is a unique identifier issued by the US Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program to match travelers with the results of heir redress case through the DHS TRIP program.

If the information concerning Known Traveler and Redress number exists in Admin Suite, they are then automatically sent to SMP Air.











[MOBILE] MAINTENANCE NOTIFICATION

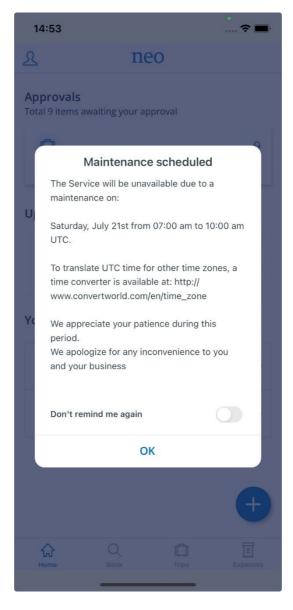
MADE FOR?	Traveler
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

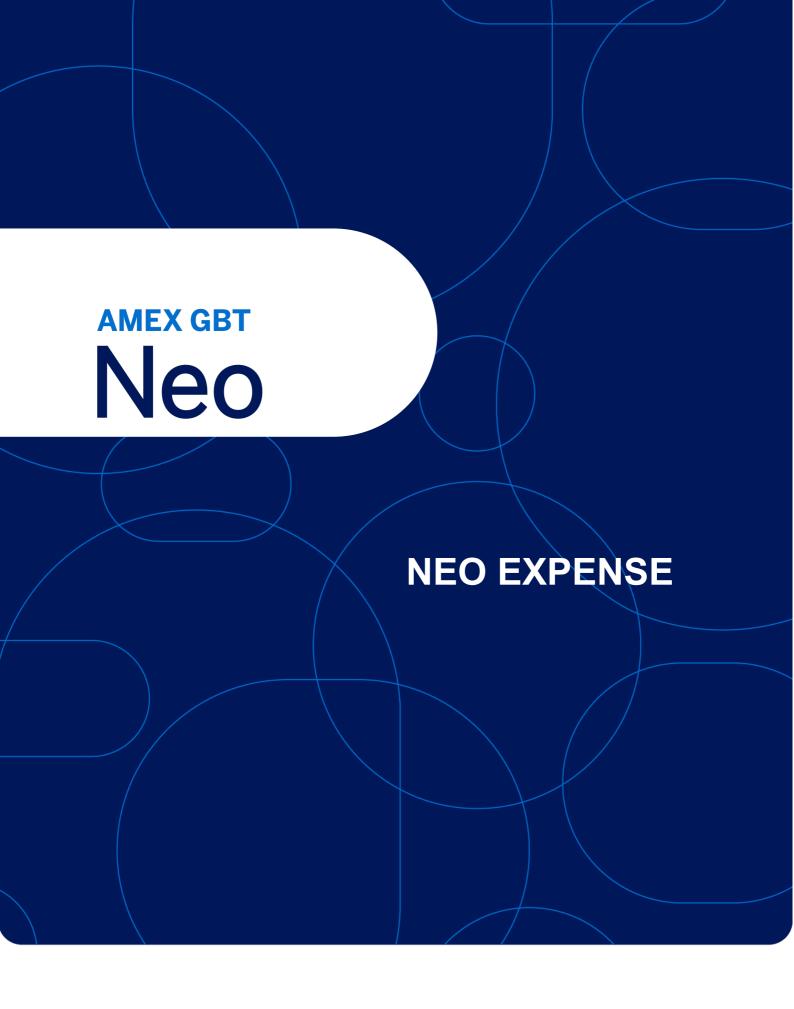
Periodically, the Neo mobile app is unavailable due to scheduled maintenance for new releases. This enhancement creates an in-app notification that informs the user of upcoming maintenance.

The new notification will be displayed 3 days before the scheduled maintenance.

The notification will include a message which informs users of the date of the upcoming maintenance as well as a checkbox which allows users to not see the notification again until the next release.











[ACCOUNTING LIST] APPROVAL DATE COLUMN AND APPROVAL STATUS FILTER

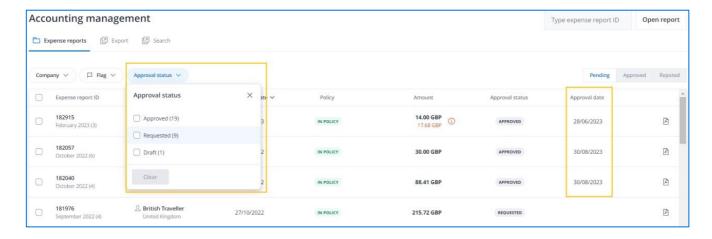
MADE FOR?	Accountant
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

The Accounting Management list screen has been enhanced to make it easier to manage and audit the list of expense reports. Users can now filter by date and approval status. Also, a new column has been added which displays the approval date.

The **Approval Date** column can be sorted according to most the most recent date to the latest, and this is displayed when there is at least one approval date in the list.

Additionally, the added filter enables to select one or multiple approval statuses (approved, requested, draft...), to filter out of the list and display only the reports with the selected status.







[EXPENSE] NEW PENDING EXPENSES PAGE

MADE FOR?	Traveler
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No
Device Availability	Desktop

SYNOPSIS

The "Pending Expenses" page has been enhanced to make it easier for users to find, manage and create expenses. This list is accessible from the homepage via the tile **Pending expenses**, or from the Expense top navigation menu.

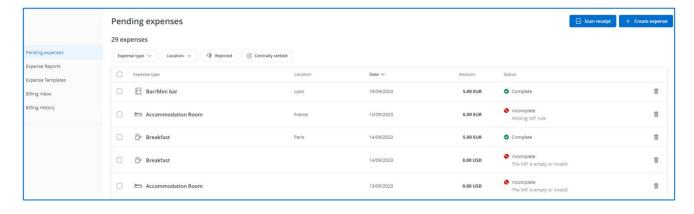
Users will find here the following expenses:

- Rejected expenses
- · Imported from credit card statements
- Expenses created on the Neo mobile app
- Drafts created on this same page

The list includes:

- Filters to easily navigate through the table
- An anomalies column which indicates when an expense is complete or has missing details

From here, users can create a new expense or move the existing ones to an expense report.







[EXPORT FILES] TRANSACTION ID FROM AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

MADE FOR?	Accountant
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

Currently, the transaction ID is not imported for American Express credit card transactions. As a result, this information was not contained in the export files. However, this information is needed by clients for reconciliation.

From this version of Neo, the transaction ID for American Express credit card transactions will now be available in the CSV and XML export files in the **External transaction ID** column or element.

SCOPE

This concerns the Amex GL1025 format of credit card imports.





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[EXPENSE REPORT] DELETION OF EXPENSE LINES

MADE FOR?	Traveler
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

A feature to delete expenses inside an expense report has been added to the available actions menu that is displayed in the list view of the expense report.

This menu is displayed when one or several expenses are selected and enables the user to perform several actions on those expenses.

Users will now be able to delete expenses directly from the list view by selecting them then clicking on **Delete** in the **Actions** menu.

On the monthly or weekly views, the deletion can occur only by opening the expense or drag and dropping the expense icon to the "Deleted" section of the expense box.





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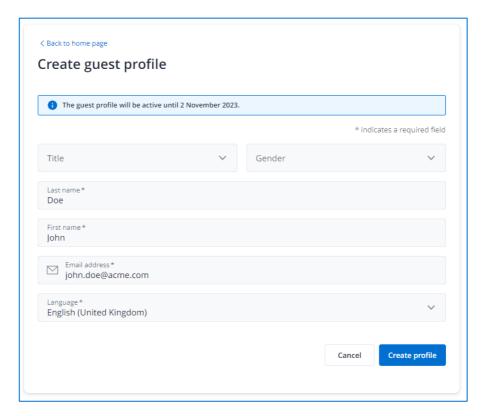


[GUEST MANAGEMENT] NEW UI FOR THE CREATION OF GUEST PROFILES

MADE FOR?	Arranger
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

The user interface for creating guest profiles has been enhanced. Travel arrangers with guest management rights will see this new, improved screen when creating new guest user profiles.



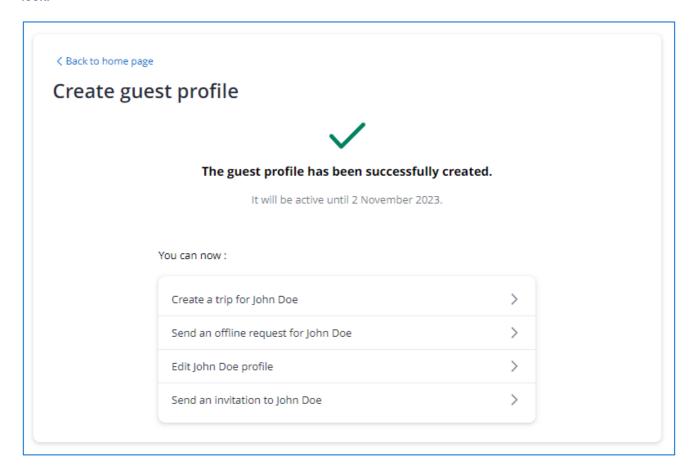
The form will contain the same fields as before (including the **Traveler Category** and **User's Group** fields whose display depends on the configuration). In addition:

- A Language field has been added, allowing guests to receive email communications sent by Neo in a language other than the default language which is set for the guest company.
- Instead of the time period for which the guest user will be active, the actual expiration date will be provided, simplifying the use of this field.





The list of possible actions will still be displayed once the guest profile has been created, with an updated look.





[CUSTOM FIELDS] REMOVAL OF 'OPEN LIST'

MADE FOR?	Traveler Neo Admin
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

SYNOPSIS

Previously, Neo allowed the creation of custom fields with the **Open List** type. This permitted users to either select a value from a pre-defined list or enter a free text value. As very few customer configurations use this, it was deprecated two years ago and is no longer supported in recent features, nor on recently added Neo screens.

As Neo continues to migrate older Neo screens towards a newer technology and a more modern UI, Neo is discontinuing the **Open List** custom field type entirely. Remaining fields of this type will automatically be converted to the **Closed List** type, and any free text value entered by administrators or users for these fields will be added to the list of possible values associated to that field.





[ADMIN SUITE] RESTRICTIONS ON USERNAMES FOR GUEST PROFILES

MADE FOR?	Neo Admin
ACTIVATION REQUIRED?	No

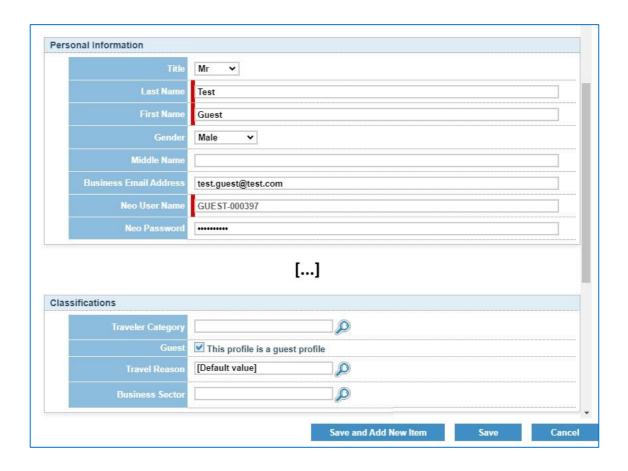
SYNOPSIS

For customers who have activated Neo guest profiles management feature, guest profiles are usually created directly in Neo by users with guest rights.

This signifies that the username for those profiles is automatically assigned by Neo, as a number prefixed by "GUEST-".

To avoid errors caused by administrators mistakenly changing usernames of guest profiles, the following will now apply:

Guest user profiles will have the Neo User Name field set as read-only in Admin Suite







The "Guest-" prefix in Neo usernames will be reserved for profiles which are declared as guests

