

WorldFlight 2026: real-world ground handlers

Research date: 6 September 2026. Scope: passenger-aircraft ramp/ground handling, not catering or fuel supply. Airports follow the [WorldFlight schedule](#). Sydney is visited at both ends; there are 43 distinct airports.

How to interpret this

This is a station-level research inventory, not a confirmed handling contract for our aircraft. Several handlers can serve the same airport; airline, terminal, aircraft type and contract determine who actually attends a flight. Airport presence does not prove Boeing 747 equipment capability. Cargo warehousing and business-aviation supervision are not automatically passenger-aircraft ramp handling.

Confirmed means a primary airport, regulator, airline or handler source explicitly supports the station/service. **Qualified** means older, narrower or secondary evidence needs follow-up. **Unresolved** means no sufficiently strong current identification was found. Lists are not exhaustive and should be rechecked before November.

Revision: 6 September 2026, after implementation. Simulator choices are for realism, not claims of an exclusive handler or an actual WorldFlight contract. The five supported operator corrections and 17 fixed generic airport defaults are now embedded in matching Orchestration and BACARS Release builds (psx-worldflight-handlers-20260906). Saved overrides still take precedence. Catering and fuel were not changed.

Airport-by-airport research findings (pre-change comparisons)

The comparison column records the research rationale against the former defaults. References to Random, proposed replacements and current settings in this table describe that pre-change baseline. The implemented settings are listed after the table.

ICAO / airport	Real-world evidence	Assessment and implication for our current setting
YSSY - Sydney	dnata is listed in the airport's service directory ; Swissport also lists Sydney in its regional network .	Confirmed. DNATA is a defensible choice, but not the only operator. Keep.
WAAA - Makassar	Gapura Angkasa lists Sultan Hasanuddin/UPG in its ground-handling network.	Confirmed. Gapura is the researched operator. Our GA code needs its actual livery branding checked before calling it an exact match.
WSSS - Singapore	SATS explicitly describes Changi ramp operations; dnata lists full ground handling there.	Confirmed. Replace AI_SATS with DNATA for a supported full-set simulator choice. AISATS is not interchangeable with Singapore SATS.
VVDN - Da Nang	The airport directory lists SAGS and VIAGS; VIAGS confirms its Da Nang operation.	Confirmed. VIAGS or SAGS is preferable to an unrelated random brand; neither has a complete handling set in our catalogue.
VHHH - Hong Kong	Airport Authority Hong Kong identifies HAS by Cathay as providing passenger, ramp and cargo services.	Confirmed. HAS is a strong choice. HDA is not demonstrated by this research to be an exact HAS livery; inspect the model branding. Hactl's freighter-only evidence was not substituted for passenger handling.

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RCTP - Taipei Taoyuan	The Taiwan CAA's station table lists Taoyuan International Airport Services (TIAS) and Evergreen Airline Services (EGAS); EGAS confirms ramp handling at Taoyuan.	Confirmed. EGAS or TIAS. EVA may represent the Evergreen airline group visually, but is not proof of the correct EGAS ground-handler branding.
RJGG - Nagoya Chubu	ANA Chubu Airport's ground-handling operation is documented by ANA; the airport also provides handling contacts.	Qualified: direct operating evidence includes an older ANA source and a business-jet directory. ANA is a reasonable retained choice; it is not the sole handler.
ZKPY - Pyongyang	Searches found airline/travel and handling-arranger references, but no dependable current on-ramp provider identification.	Unresolved. Do not assert Air Koryo as the handler solely because it is based here. Prefer a neutral visual placeholder pending confirmation, not a random foreign company labelled as real.
ZYHB - Harbin	A 2025 CAAC inspection covers ground services and apron loading at Heilongjiang Airport Group and China Southern's Heilongjiang branch.	Confirmed operational entities; assignment unresolved. Airport-group handling or China Southern depending on airline. No exact complete catalogue set established.
UHHH - Khabarovsk	The airport's ground-handling page identifies JSC Khabarovsk Airport as the main operator providing ground services under an integrated contract.	Confirmed. Airport-operated handling, not a generic international brand. KHRABROVO is a different airport and must not be used as a name match.
UHPP - Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky	The airport's published tariff includes aircraft, passenger and equipment ground handling by the airport company.	Qualified: direct but old tariff evidence. Airport-operated handling is the supported lead; reconfirm the current entity/branding.
PADQ - Kodiak	Local Island Air Service offers ground handling on the commercial ramp.	Qualified: this is flight-support evidence, not confirmation of a full passenger 747 turnaround. MENZIES was not substantiated at ADQ. Keep unresolved for our aircraft rather than assume an Alaska-wide rule.
CYKA - Kamloops	Menzies documents handling WestJet at YKA; its 2021 network document marks ground services.	Qualified: station evidence is older. MENZIES is supported historically; reconfirm current contract/capability.
CYVR - Vancouver	Swissport's YVR page explicitly lists passenger and ramp handling. Menzies' YVR page describes air cargo services, not passenger ramp handling.	Confirmed Swissport. Change our MENZIES default to SWISSPORT. This does not claim Menzies has no other activity there.
KSLC - Salt Lake City	Menzies' April 2026 network document lists ground handling and fuel services at SLC.	Confirmed. Keep MENZIES as a real operator; do not infer it handles every airline at this hub.
MMMY - Monterrey	Menzies documents Delta ramp services at MTY; MTY also appears in its network .	Confirmed presence, contract-specific example. Keep MENZIES.

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MMGL - Guadalajara	Menzies' GDL station page explicitly lists ground services, including wide-body capability.	Confirmed. Keep MENZIES.
MSLP - San Salvador	El Salvador's airport operator CEPA documents AirSupport equipment at this airport; the regulator's provider circular lists AirSupport/CORPAV.	Confirmed with dated supporting documents. AirSupport is a better researched target than random. No complete catalogue set found. Beware search results confusing SAL with Sal Island or San Salvador in the Bahamas.
SKBO - Bogotá	Menzies' BOG page confirms ground handling. Talma Colombia documents the SAI/LASA integration.	Confirmed. MENZIES is a directly supported available choice. SAI_COL is a legacy name requiring branding verification, not automatically the current Talma identity.
TBPB - Barbados	CAPA's Seawell profile identifies passenger, ramp and cargo handling at Grantley Adams.	Qualified: specialist secondary source. Seawell is the researched lead; confirm current trading name/contract. No exact complete catalogue set found.
GVAC - Sal	CV Handling's station directory lists its headquarters/SAL station at Amílcar Cabral Airport.	Confirmed. CV Handling; no exact complete catalogue set found.
DNMM - Lagos	NAHCO and SAHCO both provide Nigerian ground handling, with Lagos operations.	Confirmed. Keep NAHCO as a real operator; airline-specific contracts may use SAHCO.
FKKD - Douala	ADC publishes ground-handling contacts; its recruitment notice confirms loading/cargo ground-handling staff. A South African government supplier record specifically links ADC ground handling to Douala.	Qualified station evidence, current provider evidence. ADC/Aéroports du Cameroun is the supported target. No catalogue match.
FNBJ - Luanda, new airport	Aviapartner's Angola page explicitly names Dr. António Agostinho Neto International Airport, NBJ.	Confirmed. Aviapartner is a strong choice. GHASSIST is a real Angolan handler, but old FNLU evidence alone does not confirm its FNBJ operation. No complete Aviapartner set in our current catalogue.
HUEN - Entebbe	Uganda CAA lists Menzies (formerly NAS/ENHAS) and DAS Handling.	Confirmed. Change Random to MENZIES for an available researched option.
HAAB - Addis Ababa	Ethiopian's ground-services factsheet explicitly covers airline arrivals/departures at Addis Ababa.	Confirmed. Ethiopian Ground Services; keep ET as the catalogue representation.
HESN - Aswan	EGYPTAIR Ground Services lists its Aswan station.	Confirmed. Keep MS as the EgyptAir representation.
OLBA - Beirut	Both MEAG and LAT explicitly provide handling at Beirut.	Confirmed. Replace the notion of random with MEAG or LAT as researched targets; neither has a complete catalogue set.

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GMMN - Casablanca	Swissport's Morocco announcement confirms passenger/ramp handling and equipment at Casablanca.	Confirmed. Keep SWISSPORT; this is one provider, not a universal airline assignment.
LEMD - Madrid	Aena's handling directory covers handling and self-handling providers; Groundforce's MAD operation is also identified in 2026 reporting .	Confirmed multi-provider airport. GROUNDFORCE is defensible for a generic visiting flight. For a BA/IAG-specific recreation, investigate South Europe Ground Services rather than assume Groundforce.
EINN - Shannon	Swissport's SNN station page explicitly lists ramp and passenger services.	Confirmed. Keep SWISSPORT.
EGSS - Stansted	Swissport's STN station page explicitly lists ramp and passenger services.	Confirmed. Keep SWISSPORT; other airlines can have different handlers.
EHAM - Amsterdam	Swissport's AMS page confirms airport ground services. dnata also reports its June 2026 handling-licence renewal.	Confirmed. Keep SWISSPORT as one valid choice; future licence dates and individual contracts should be checked for November.
LROP - Bucharest	The airport directory lists GlobeGround Romania, Menzies, Romanian Airport Services and Uplift. Menzies' OTP station page confirms ground services.	Confirmed. Change Random to MENZIES as a supported available choice. Swissport/GlobeGround is another researched option, not an exclusive assignment.
LUKK - Chişinău	MGH Ground Handling explicitly offers regular-flight handling at Chişinău.	Confirmed. MGH is a researched target; no complete catalogue set.
ULLI - St Petersburg Pulkovo	Northern Capital Gateway's airport document refers to its ground-handling agreement.	Qualified: older contractual source. Northern Capital Gateway/airport handling is the supported lead; confirm current branding.
UWWW - Samara Kurumoch	The airport's current price-list page publishes ground-handling agreements and 2026 airport-company tariffs.	Confirmed. Airport-operated handling; no exact complete catalogue set.
OMDB - Dubai	Dubai Media Office confirms dnata ground handling at DXB; ENOC's account describes its ground-handling fleet at both Dubai airports.	Confirmed. Keep DNATA.
VOBL - Bengaluru	AISATS explicitly lists BLR; GlobeGround India also offers complete handling at Kempegowda.	Confirmed. Keep AI_SATS as one real operator.
VYYY - Yangon	MAI's ground-handling page states it provides services at Yangon. The 2020 Myanmar AIP names MNA, MAI and YAG.	Confirmed MAI; older evidence for the complete list. MAI is a researched target instead of Random. No complete matching catalogue set.
WIII - Jakarta	Gapura's network explicitly includes Soekarno-Hatta/CGK.	Confirmed. Gapura is a supported operator. As at Makassar, inspect GA branding before declaring it exact.

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YPKA - Karratha	Menzies' KTA station page explicitly confirms ground services.	Confirmed. Change the broad Australian DNATA default to MENZIES here.
YBAS - Alice Springs	Northwest Aviation Services lists the station; Qantas Freight independently names NWAS as handling agent.	Confirmed local provider; aircraft/service scope needs confirmation. DNATA was not substantiated here. NWAS has no complete matching catalogue set.

Implemented operator corrections

These changes are implemented, selected from operators with relevant station evidence and a complete handling set in the repository catalogue:

Airport	Previous	Implemented	Reason
WSSS	AI_SATS	DNATA	Directly verified Changi ramp provider; avoids confusing SATS with its Indian joint venture.
CYVR	MENZ	SWISSPORT	Swissport explicitly confirms passenger ramp handling; the Menzies station page only establishes cargo.
HUEN	RANDOM	MENZ	Uganda CAA and Menzies confirm the station.
LROP	RANDOM	MENZ	Airport and current provider station evidence.
YPKA	DNATA	MENZ	Airport-specific Menzies evidence beats the broad Australia default.

For SKBO, MENZ is a supported modern-brand alternative to SAI_COL, but I would first check whether the installed SAI_COL artwork already reflects Talma. This is a branding issue, not proof that all SAI-related handling disappeared.

The following 17 airports now explicitly select GENERIC handling: VVDN, ZKPY, ZYHB, UHHH, UHPP, PADQ, MSLP, TBPB, GVAC, FKKD, FNBj, OLBA, LUKK, ULLI, UWWW, VYYY and YBAS. This replaces random selection and the unsupported MENZ default at Kodiak and DNATA default at Alice Springs. GENERIC selects the existing base vehicle family without a company suffix. The actual base-model appearance has not been live-verified in MSFS.

Retained approximate branding: WAAA/WIII GA, RCTP EVA, VHHH HDA and SKBO SAI_COL. These remain fixed choices, with exact artwork/current operator branding unverified. Other researched existing choices remain unchanged. All 43 WorldFlight stops now resolve to a fixed handling default; random catering or fuel choices are outside this change.

Verification: 39 targeted Release company-selection/catalogue tests passed. All 17 generic defaults were verified in both built assemblies. The research does not establish actual aircraft-handling contracts, installed MSFS liveries or live vehicle behaviour.

Catalogue check and remaining work

The repository catalogue was checked for company suffixes present across all four handling families: baggage loader, passenger stairs, passenger shuttle and pushback tug. DNATA, MENZ and SWISSPORT all pass that complete-set check. This checks declared catalogue titles, not physical installation on every MSFS PC.

No complete exact-name set was found for VIAGS/SAGS, HAS, TIAS/EGAS, AirSupport, Seawell, CV Handling, ADC, Aviapartner, MEAG/LAT, MGH, MAI or NWAS. Group-associated codes such as EVA, HDA and GA require visual/model-name validation and must not be silently equated with a legal ground-handler name.

Pyongyang remains unresolved. Kodiak requires particular caution over wide-body handling equipment, and older station evidence at Kamloops, Nagoya, Yelizovo and Pulkovo deserves a current check. This report does not establish a booked handler, 747 compatibility, November contractual availability, or current catering/fuel suppliers. Those are separate verifications.