

Case M.6447 IAG/bmi - Slot Release Procedure Winter 2016/17

In March 2012, the European Commission (EC) granted regulatory clearance to the acquisition by International Airline Group (IAG) of British Midland Limited (bmi), subject to Commitments entered into by IAG to release London Heathrow (LHR) slot pairs on selected short-haul and long-haul city pairs.

In order to resolve the competition concerns raised by the EC, IAG were obliged to make available at LHR, a maximum of seven (7) daily landing and take-off slots in order to facilitate the entry or expansion of operators on the routes between London Heathrow to Aberdeen and to Edinburgh, while a maximum further (seven) 7 slot pairs were made available on London Heathrow to Nice, Cairo, Moscow, Riyadh, Aberdeen and Edinburgh.

At the end of the Summer 2015 season, 9 slot pairs used on Edinburgh and Aberdeen were returned by the carrier that was awarded these slots in the Summer 2013 season. For the Winter 2016/17 season, IAG will be obliged to make available at LHR the full set of slots outlined in the paragraph above.

Please see the link for further details on the process that must be followed by airlines wishing to apply for these slots.

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