

Conditional offer of slots without prior historic precedence for the Northern Winter 2020/21 (W20) season

Introduction

At the time of initial coordination and the issuance of the SAL, there remains uncertainty regarding the extent of any alleviation from the utilisation targets in the W20 scheduling season. In the event that alleviation is granted, ACL does not want to inadvertently incentivise carriers to request and hold onto slots that they do not intend to operate.

ACL will therefore issue all newly requested slots on a conditional basis with the condition being that the slots are on a non-historic basis. In doing so, ACL does not wish to prevent carriers from obtaining a historic for the subsequent season if the slot held is subsequently used to operate a service. ACL will therefore review all conditional slots in line with 8.7.1(d) of the WSG.

Process

ACL will coordinate all slots allocated from the slot pool (i.e. without historic precedence gained from the W19 season) in the W20 scheduling season with a conditional approval. As per SSIM Chapter 6, these will be allocated subject to conditions:

- using action code “T”
- with the accompanying status information “/ SA.NON-HIST SD.NON-HIST/”

ACL would like to assure airlines that these conditional allocations will be fully coordinated against all declared scheduling parameters and will be included in the W20 historic baseline and results tables (to be created at the HBD) as normal.

Airlines will be able to request changes to conditional slots as per normal but ACL kindly request that airlines refrain from merging “K” confirmed records with “T” confirmed records via SCR as these will be refused by ACL.

Scope

The following process will be applicable at all **Coordinated** Airports which are coordinated by ACL and ACL International:

Country	Coordinated Airport
Canada	YTZ
New Zealand	AKL, CHC, WLG
Poland	POZ, WAW
Republic of Ireland	DUB
United Kingdom	BRS, BHX, LCY, LGW, LHR, LTN, MAN, STN
United Arab Emirates	DXB

This process will remain in place from the point of distribution of the W20 SALs, through the entire W20 scheduling cycle and until the subsequent determination of W21 SHLs.

ACL will seek to suspend this process at the earliest opportunity should the circumstances allow. Suspension of this process will be notified in writing and all conditional slots will immediately revert to full approval with action code “K”.