

Case M.6447 IAG/bmi - Slot Release Procedure Summer 2021

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 a number of daily landing and take-off slots available at LHR.

For the Summer 2021 season, five (5) slot pairs will be available for each day of the week. In addition, there will be four (4) slots pairs available on Saturday only and two (2) slot pairs available on Sunday only (41 slot pairs in total). These slot pairs may be used for operations on London Heathrow-Aberdeen, London Heathrow-Edinburgh, London Heathrow-Nice, London Heathrow-Cairo, London Heathrow-Moscow and London Heathrow-Riyadh only.

However, potential applicants showing interest are advised of the fact that the rights to these slots on offer are subject to an ongoing dispute and therefore may ultimately not be available for applicants or be subject to return by any successful applicant.

Please note that the Slot Release Process for Summer 2021 opens on 3 September 2020 with a deadline for applications of 6pm BST on 10 September 2020.

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

<http://www.mazars.co.uk/Home/Our-Services/Audit-assurance/Monitoring-trustee-services/IAG-BMI-CASE-NO.-M.6447>

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