

Case M.6447 IAG/bmi - Slot Release Procedure for Winter 2021/22

In March 2012, the European Commission (EC) granted regulatory clearance to the acquisition by International Consolidated Airlines Group (IAG) of British Midland Limited (bmi), subject to the 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 Winter 2021/22 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 LHR-Aberdeen, LHR-Edinburgh, LHR-Nice, LHR-Cairo, LHR-Moscow and LHR-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 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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