



Guidance on treatment of slots held by Russian and Belarusian carriers at airports coordinated by ACL in the UK and Europe

In February 2022, the UK issued a NOTAM preventing Russian owned, chartered, operated or registered aircraft from flying in UK airspace. Similar restrictions were put in place in the EU under Council Regulation (EU) 2022/334. The UK and EU also have in place restrictions preventing Belarusian aircraft flying in their airspace. In December 2021, Belarusian state carrier, Belavia Airlines was put on the sanctions list of the EU.

In April 2022, as a consequence of the above measures, the EU's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport wrote to the European Airport Coordinators Association making clear its view that EU coordinators should not grant alleviation under Article 10(4) of the EU Slot Regulations for non-use of slots at EU airports by state-owned Russian or Belorussian air carriers. In April 2022, the UK and EU updated their [Air Safety Lists](#) to ban certain Russian airlines from operating in their airspace due to safety concerns.

On 19 May 2022, the UK Government designated Aeroflot, Rossiya and Ural airlines under the UK's Russia Sanctions Regime.

The effect of that designation is that, at airports coordinated by ACL in the UK and Europe:

- ACL cannot allocate slots to any of Aeroflot, Rossiya and Ural airlines for the upcoming IATA Winter 2022 season or for any future season during which those carriers remain sanctioned;
- for the current IATA Summer 2022 season, ACL will not grant alleviation to any of Aeroflot, Rossiya and Ural airlines for cancellations made due to the current flight restrictions in place over the UK and Europe; and
- ACL will not confirm trades of slots held by those carriers.

We are currently considering what effect, if any, the UK's designation of these airlines has in relation to airports we coordinate outside of the UK and Europe.

Winter 2022 SALs: Slots for which Aeroflot, Rossiya and Ural airlines held historic rights for the upcoming IATA Winter 2022 season have been returned to the slot pool for re-allocation to other carriers. Those slots will be re-allocated according to the Slot Regulations, Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines (WASG) and any local rules in force at the relevant airports.

Slots held for current Summer 2022 season: ACL will not recognise the historic rights of these carriers for the Summer 2022 season. ACL will not grant alleviation for non-use of slots held by Aeroflot, Rossiya and Ural airlines for the Summer 2022 season. Slots held for the remainder of the Summer 2022 season by those sanctioned carriers will be available for ad-hoc operations (having taken into account any overages that need to be remedied) and then re-allocated at the SAL deadline (3 November 2022) for Summer 2023.

If any of Aeroflot, Rossiya and Ural airlines apply as new entrants for slots for the Summer 2023 season, allocation will depend on whether those carriers remain designated under the UK's sanctions regime at the SAL deadline (3 November 2022).

The following chart confirms the action we will take at key upcoming milestones for the UK and European airports which we coordinate.

UK airports coordinated by ACL				
Milestone	Slots held by Aeroflot, Ural or Rossiya	Slots held by other Russian carriers (not sanctioned)	Slots held by Belarusian carriers	Notes
Allocate slots SAL W22 (Deadline 9 June)	No allocation ¹	Allocate slots with conditions (T-code) ²	Allocate slots with conditions (T-code) ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UK sanctions prevent allocation at UK coordinated airports to three named carriers - Aeroflot, Ural and Rossiya 2. T-coding: Slots to be allocated under the conditions that (1) no flight bans are in place which prevent the carrier from flying in UK airspace, (2) the air carrier has not been included in the UK Air Safety List or, if so, has been removed from that list, (3) no other relevant measures will have been imposed and (4) above conditions are fulfilled by 31 August 2022 (HBD) latest
S22 alleviation requests	No alleviation to be granted ¹	Alleviation to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis ²	Alleviation to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACL will not recognise the historic rights of Aeroflot, Rossiya and Ural airlines for the Summer 2022 season. 2. Requests for alleviation will be considered in line with Art 10(4) of the Slot Regulations

EU airports coordinated by ACL					
Milestone	Slots held by Aeroflot, Ural or Rossiya	Slots held by other Russian carriers (not sanctioned)	Slots held by Belavia at WAW	Slots held by other Belarusian carriers	Notes
Allocate slots SAL W22 (Deadline 9 June)	No allocation ¹	Allocate slots with conditions (T-code) ²	No allocation ³	Allocate slots with conditions (T-code) ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UK sanctions prevent allocation at EU airports coordinated by ACL to three named carriers - Aeroflot, Ural and Rossiya 2. T-coding: Slots to be allocated under the conditions that (1) no flight bans are in place which prevent the carrier from flying in EU airspace, (2) the air carrier has not been included in the EU Air Safety List or, if so, has been removed from that list, (3) no other relevant measures will have been imposed and (4) above conditions are fulfilled by 31 August 2022 (HBD) latest 3. In light of the fact that secondary trading has been allowed in Poland, we consider that slots held by Belavia are “economic resources” and should not therefore be made available to Belavia.
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