

Case M.6447 IAG/bmi - Slot Release Procedure for Winter 2025/2026

In March 2012, the European Commission (the “**Commission**”) 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.

Following Commission Decision (EU) 2024/1665 of 12 June 2024, the enforcement powers for Case M.6447 were transferred from the Commission to the Competition and Markets Authority (“**CMA**”) of the United Kingdom on 1 July 2024.

In order to resolve the competition concerns, IAG is obliged to make a number of daily landing and take-off Slots available at LHR.

For the IATA Winter 2025/2026 Season, a maximum of six (6) daily Slots and five (5) weekly Slots are available each day of the week (47 Slot pairs in total). There will be up to 12 weekly Slots available in the morning, up to four (4) daily Slots available in the afternoon, and up to five (5) daily Slots available in the evening time bands. These Slot pairs may be used for operations on LHR-Aberdeen, LHR-Edinburgh, LHR-Nice, LHR-Cairo and LHR-Riyadh only. Subject to the maximum of 47 weekly Slots available, in accordance with clause 1.1.1 of the Commitments and Slots awarded to Prospective Entrants in previous Slot Release Procedures, a maximum of one (1) daily Slot (seven (7) weekly Slots) is available to Applicants on the Identified City Pairs (London – Aberdeen, Cairo, Edinburgh, Nice, Riyadh). A maximum of 47 weekly Slots are available to Applicants on the Identified UK City Pairs (London-Aberdeen and / or Edinburgh). Please see the link below for further details on the process that must be followed by airlines wishing to apply for these Slots.

<https://www.forvismazars.com/uk/en/services/audit-assurance/monitoring-trustee-remedies-compliance-services/case-no-comp-m.6447-iaq-bmi>

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