

Case M.6447 IAG/bmi - Slot Release Procedure for Summer 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 Summer 2026 Season, in accordance with clause 1.1.1 of the Commitments and Slots awarded to Applicants under previous Slot Release Procedures, a maximum of five (5) daily Slots and five (5) weekly Slots are available each day of the week (40 Slot pairs in total). There will be up to five (5) individual 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. For the Summer 2026 season, Applicants are invited to apply for morning Slots between the 0820-1200 time band as pursuant to clause 1.2.6 of the Commitments, IAG is not obliged to release more than the three (3) daily arrival Slots at LHR already released to Applicants under the Commitments, in the period prior to 08:20 (local time). Due to nighttime flying restrictions in place at LHR, the last arrival Slot to be allocated by ACL is 22:40 (local time). **These Slot pairs may be used for operations on LHR-Aberdeen and LHR-Edinburgh only.** 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-iag-bmi>

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