

Dubai International Airport – Slot Enforcement

Local Rule

Dubai International (DXB) was designated as IATA Level 3 – Coordinated, from the start of the Summer 2010 season. The move reflected increasingly scarce capacity in the peak hours of operation and the intention to implement a slot process that promotes the best utilisation of the capacity.

ADDITIONAL RULES PERTAINING TO THE ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALLOCATED SLOTS AT DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DXB). THIS LOCAL RULE IS APPLICABLE TO ALL OPERATIONS:

1. Airlines that repeatedly or intentionally operate services at a time significantly different from the allocated slot as part of a series of slots, or use slots in a significantly different way from that indicated at the time of allocation, shall not be entitled to historic status for that series of slots regardless of the utilisation of the slots during the season. The coordinator may decide to withdraw from that airline the series of slots in question for the remainder of the season and place them in the pool after having heard the airline concerned and after issuing a single warning.
2. If an airline is unable to achieve 80% usage of any series of slots, the coordinator may decide to withdraw from that airline the series of slots in question for the remainder of the scheduling period and place them in the pool after having heard the air carrier concerned.
3. The Coordinator may withdraw slots allocated to an airline for any services without a recognised destination and place them in the pool on 31st January for the following summer season or on 31st August for the following winter season after having heard the air carrier concerned and after issuing a single request for the airline to declare a destination.
4. The Coordinator may withdraw the series of slots provisionally allocated to an airline in the process of establishing itself and place them in the pool on 31st January for the following summer season or on 31st August for the following winter season if the undertaking does not

hold an operating license or equivalent on that date or if it is not stated by the competent licensing authority that it is likely that an operating license or equivalent will be issued before the relevant season commences.

5. The Coordinator may allocate ad hoc slots after 31st January for the following summer season or after 31st August for the following winter season and the ad hoc slots shall not be entitled to historic status regardless of the utilisation of the ad hoc slots during the season.

Definitions:

slot	shall mean the permission given by a coordinator to use the full range of airport infrastructure necessary to operate an air service at a coordinated airport on a specific date and time for the purpose of landing or take-off.
airline	shall mean an air transport undertaking holding a valid operating license or equivalent at the latest on 31 January for the following summer season or on 31 August for the following winter season.
series of slots	shall mean at least 80% of the total weeks in the season having been requested for the same time on the same day of the week regularly and allocated in that way or, if that is not possible, allocated at approximately the same time;
ad hoc slots	shall mean less than 80% of the total weeks in the season having been requested for the same time on the same day of the week regularly and allocated in that way or, if that is not possible, allocated at approximately the same time;

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