

## Case M.6447 IAG/bmi - Slot Release Procedure for Winter 2026/27

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 the 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 (the “**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 2026/27 Season, 40 Slot pairs will be made available to Applicant airlines as follows:

- Five (5) individual **weekly** Slot pairs on days 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (at the choice of the Applicant);
- Five (5) **daily** Slot pairs on days 1-7.

Subject to the maximum of 40 weekly Slots available, in accordance with Clause 1.1.1 of the Commitments and pursuant to Slots awarded to Applicants under previous Slot Release Procedures, **Slots are available to Applicants on the Identified UK City Pairs (i.e., London-Aberdeen and London-Edinburgh) only.**

The number of Slots available in each time band are as follows:

Time period (local time)	Remedy Slots available for release in each time band
Morning (0000-1200) <sup>[1]</sup>	Up to five (5) individual <b>weekly</b> frequencies (on any five (5) days on days 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 at the choice of the Applicant).
Afternoon (1201-1600)	Up to four (4) <b>daily</b> Slots (days 1234567).
Evening (1601-2359) <sup>[2]</sup>	Up to five (5) <b>daily</b> Slots (days 1234567).

[1] For the Winter 2026/27 season, Applicants are invited to apply for morning Slots between the 0820-1200 time band pursuant to Clause 1.2.6 of the Commitments.

[2] Please note that due to nighttime flying restrictions in place at London Heathrow airport, the last arrival Slot to be allocated by ACL is 22:40 (local time).

The deadline for Applicants to submit a Slot request to the Trustee is **18:00 GMT on 19 March 2026.**

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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