

## **Local guideline for Innsbruck Airport**

### **„Minimum number of operations for series of slots on days 6/7 in a winter season“**

**Editorial improvements and corrections**

**Proposed and passed by the coordination committee INN in its  
meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

## Preamble

During the winter timetable period demand for airport slots on Saturdays (day 6) and Sundays (day 7) regularly exceeds the available airport infrastructure capacity at Innsbruck airport. For that reason Innsbruck Airport was declared coordinated on Saturdays and Sundays in winter timetable seasons in accordance with the amended EU-regulation 95/93 and Regulation 155/2008 issued by the Ministry of Transport, Innovation & Technology of Austria.

This situation is aggravated on weekends between mid-December until the end of the winter season due to public holidays and school holidays. However numerous flight series only start weeks after the start of the winter timetable season or end at the beginning of March already, meaning these series are not being operated for the whole season.

A substantial improvement of this capacity shortage is not possible because of the geographical location of the airport, the required approach and departure procedures and due to the demanded minimization of aircraft noise. Possible technical developments and minor capacity developments during the last few years led to an increase of the slot capacity however demand still exceeds the available capacity.

So far the applicable EU Regulation defines a slot series as "at least five slots in consecutive weeks, on the same day of the week, with the same aircraft at approximately the same time." This definition is also used by the WSG published by IATA.

Consequently, short series of slots with only 7 or 8 weeks of operation obtained historic slots also, blocking longer slot series and therefore preventing the efficient usage of the available capacities.

Already after consultations the Coordination Committee on March 30th, 2011 the minimum length for slot series was extended from 5 to 10 weeks as from initial coordination of Winter Season 2011. This local rule was notified with the EU-Commission and not objected.

At the meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Coordination Committee was consulted with a request by the managing body of the airport in Innsbruck, to increase the minimum length of slot series to 15 slots, allocated in consecutive weeks, on the same day of the week with the same aircraft at approximately the same time.

This should result in an even better and steady utilization of the scarce capacities at Innsbruck Airport.

The following detailed regulation will apply as of the initial submission for W16/17.

### 1. Definition:

- 1.1. This regulation is only applicable on days 6 and 7 during the winter season.
- 1.2. This regulation is only applicable to scheduled and charter flights.

## 2. Process of Coordination:

- 2.1. During the initial coordination of the winter season only slot request for at least 15 weeks will be handled.
- 2.2. Requests for series with less than 15 weeks will be accepted and put on waitlist. These requests will be handled and confirmed if possible after the „Historics Baseline Date“ (31<sup>st</sup> August).
- 2.3. Requests for ad-hoc flights, extra-sections, etc. as well as flights regarding „Orthodox Christmas“ will be accepted not before the “Historic Baseline Date” (31<sup>st</sup> August) and checked for possible confirmation after this date.
- 2.4. For every season a waitlist with all unconfirmed slots will be established. This waitlist is being reviewed regularly in order to fill up availabilities caused by cancellations.

## 3. Historical rights:

- 3.1. Only slot series with at least 15 coordinated slots in consecutive weeks, on the same day of the week, with the same aircraft at approximately the same time, confirmed on August 31<sup>st</sup> (“Historic Baseline Date”), are eligible for the calculation of historic rights.
- 3.2. Historical rights will be accepted when the series of slots has been operated properly at least 80% of the time.

### Information:

This local guideline for „Minimum number of operations for series of slots on days 6/7 in a winter season“ for Airport Innsbruck will be applied by SCA Schedule Coordination Austria as of the date mentioned on the front page.

SCA Schedule Coordination Austria reserves the right to change this guideline without further notice at any time in accordance with Article 5 and Article 6 of the Directive 793/2004 of the European Union and Article 3 of the “Slot-Koordinierungsverordnung” 155/2008 of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Technology and Innovation of the Republic of Austria. The German version shall prevail.