

Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 of 18 January 1993 on
common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports

f¹ Article 8 **U.K.**

Process of slot allocation

1 Series of slots are allocated from the slot pool to applicant carriers as permissions to use the airport infrastructure for the purpose of landing or take-off for the scheduling period for which they are requested, at the expiry of which they have to be returned to the slot pool as set up according to the provisions of Article 10.

2 Without prejudice to Articles 7, 8a, 9, 10(1) and 14, paragraph (1) of this Article shall not apply when the following conditions are satisfied:

- a series of slots has been used by an air carrier for the operation of scheduled and programmed non-scheduled air services, and
- that air carrier can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the coordinator that the series of slots in question has been operated, as cleared by the coordinator, by that air carrier for at least 80 % of the time during the scheduling period for which it has been allocated.

In such case that series of slots shall entitle the air carrier concerned to the same series of slots in the next equivalent scheduling period, if requested by that air carrier within the time-limit referred to in Article 7(1).

3 Without prejudice to Article 10(2), in a situation where all slot requests cannot be accommodated to the satisfaction of the air carriers concerned, preference shall be given to commercial air services and in particular to scheduled services and programmed non-scheduled air services. In the case of competing requests within the same category of services, priority shall be given for year round operations.

4 Re-timing of series of slots before the allocation of the remaining slots from the pool referred to in Article 10 to the other applicant air carriers shall be accepted only for operational reasons or if slot timings of applicant air carriers would be improved in relation to the timings initially requested. It shall not take effect prior to the express confirmation by the coordinator.

5 The coordinator shall also take into account additional rules and guidelines established by the air transport industry world-wide or Community-wide as well as local guidelines proposed by the coordination committee and approved by the Member State or any other competent body responsible for the airport in question, provided that such rules and guidelines do not affect the independent status of the coordinator, comply with Community law and aim at improving the efficient use of airport capacity. These rules shall be communicated by the Member State in question to the Commission.

6 If a requested slot cannot be accommodated, the coordinator shall inform the requesting air carrier of the reasons therefor and shall indicate the nearest available alternative slot.

7 The coordinator shall, in addition to the planned slot allocation for the scheduling period, endeavour to accommodate single slot requests with short notice for any type of aviation, including general aviation. To this end, slots remaining in the pool referred to in Article 10 after distribution among the applicant carriers and slots available at short notice may be used.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Regulation \(EC\) No 793/2004](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Art. 8(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2021/1200 reg. 2\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 8(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2021/1200 reg. 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 8(5) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 12\(d\)](#)
- Art. 8(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 12\(a\)](#)
- Art. 8(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 12\(b\)](#)
- Art. 8(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 12\(c\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- title words substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 5](#)
- Signature words omitted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 21](#)
- Art. 2(b)(ii) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 7\(2\)](#)
- Art. 2(e) substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 7\(3\)](#)
- Art. 2(n) and semi-colon inserted by [S.I. 2021/1200 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Art. 2(n) words inserted by [S.I. 2022/368 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Art. 2(ea) inserted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 7\(4\)](#)
- Art. 3(3)(ii) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 5(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 10\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 10(2a) inserted by [S.I. 2021/1200 reg. 2\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 10(4)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 15\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 10(4)(c) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 10(4)(e) and semi-colon inserted by [S.I. 2021/1200 reg. 2\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 10(4)(f) inserted by [S.I. 2022/368 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
- Art. 10(4)(g) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1133 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Art. 10(4)(g) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/325 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
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- Art. 10a(3d) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1133 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
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- Art. 12(1)(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 12(1)(b) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 12(1)(c) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 17\(3\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 12(1)(c) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 17\(3\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 13(1a) inserted by [2021 c. 12 s. 12\(3\)\(a\)](#)
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