

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

[^{F1}Article 10

Slot pool

1 The coordinator shall set up a pool, which shall contain all the slots not allocated on the basis of Article 8(2) and 8(4). All new slot capacity determined pursuant to Article 3(3) shall be placed in the pool.

2 A series of slots that has been allocated to an air carrier for the operation of a scheduled or a programmed non-scheduled air service shall not entitle that air carrier to the same series of slots in the next equivalent scheduling period if the air carrier cannot demonstrate to the satisfaction of the coordinator that they have been operated, as cleared by the coordinator, by that air carrier for at least 80 % of the time during the scheduling period for which they have been allocated.

3 Slots allocated to an air carrier before 31 January for the following summer season, or before 31 August for the following winter season, but which are returned to the coordinator for reallocation before those dates shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the usage calculation.

4 If the 80 % usage of the series of slots cannot be demonstrated, all the slots constituting that series shall be placed in the slot pool, unless the non-utilisation can be justified on the basis of any of the following reasons:

- a unforeseeable and unavoidable circumstances outside the air carrier's control leading to:
 - grounding of the aircraft type generally used for the air service in question;
 - closure of an airport or airspace;
 - serious disturbance of operations at the airports concerned, including those series of slots at other Community airports related to routes which have been affected by such disturbance, during a substantial part of the relevant scheduling period;
- b interruption of air services due to action intended to affect these services which makes it practically and/or technically impossible for the air carrier to carry out operations as planned;
- c serious financial damage for a Community air carrier concerned, with, as a result, the granting of a temporary license by the licensing authorities pending financial reorganisation of the air carrier in accordance with Article 5(5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2407/92;
- d judicial proceedings concerning the application of Article 9 for routes where public service obligations have been imposed according to Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 resulting in the temporary suspension of the operation of such routes.

5 At the request of a Member State or on its own initiative the Commission shall examine the application of paragraph 4 by the coordinator of an airport falling within the scope of this Regulation.

It shall take a decision within two months of receipt of the request in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 13(2).

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6 Without prejudice to Article 8(2) of this Regulation and without prejudice to Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92, slots placed in the pool shall be distributed among applicant air carriers. 50 % of these slots shall first be allocated to new entrants unless requests by new entrants are less than 50 %. The coordinator shall treat the requests of new entrants and other carriers fairly, in accordance with the coordination periods of each scheduling day.

Among requests from new entrants, preference shall be given to air carriers qualifying for new entrant status under both Article 2(b)(i) and (ii) or Article 2(b)(i) and (iii).

7 A new entrant which has been offered a series of slots within one hour before or after the time requested but has not accepted this offer shall not retain its new entrant status for that scheduling period.

8 In the case of services operated by a group of air carriers, only one of the participating air carriers can apply for the required slots. The air carrier operating such a service assumes responsibility for meeting the operating criteria required to maintain historical precedence referred to in Article 8(2).

Slots allocated to one air carrier may be used by (an)other air carrier(s) participating in a joint operation, provided that the designator code of the air carrier to whom the slots are allocated remains on the shared flight for coordination and monitoring purposes. Upon discontinuation of such operations, the slots so used will remain with the air carrier to whom they were initially allocated. Air carriers involved in shared operations shall advise coordinators of the detail of such operations prior to the beginning of such operations.

9 If serious problems continue to exist for new entrants, the Member State shall ensure that a meeting of the airport coordination committee is convened. The purpose of the meeting shall be to examine possibilities for remedying the situation. The Commission shall be invited to that meeting.]

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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- Art. 10(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2021/1200 reg. 2\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 10(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2021/1200 reg. 2\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 10(5) omitted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 15\(3\)](#)
- Art. 10(9) omitted by [S.I. 2019/276 reg. 15\(4\)](#)

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(3c) inserted by [S.I. 2023/325 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
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- 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\(3\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
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