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Subject: Your letter on the impact of covid-19 on airlines and slot allocation

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your letter of 08 March 2020 on the impact of covid-19 on slot allocation.

The current crisis is having a major impact on the European and international aviation industry and the situation is deteriorating on a daily basis. In order to ease the impact of the outbreak, the Commission reacted very quickly and put forward a legislative proposal (Friday 13 March) to temporarily alleviate airlines from the "use-it-or-lose-it" rule on slot allocation. The period-proposed covers the four-month period between March 2020 and June 2020 for all flights. We will monitor the situation on a monthly basis, and have the possibility to extend the waiver if needed.

The proposal has now gone to the European Parliament and the Council of the EU, and we expect a very quick adoption, followed by an entry into force of the slot waiver.

Yours sincerely,

