



European Commission  
Directorate General for Mobility and Transport

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Ref 2020-NW20-SlotWaiver

Dear ,

**Slot allocation for W20/21 and conditions for alleviation from the 80/20 use-it or lose-it rule**

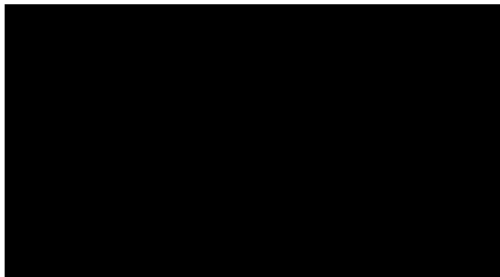
We are writing to you jointly in response to your letter received on 9 July 2020 concerning the coordination of the upcoming winter 2020/2021 season. As requested, we have come together to find an agreeable way forward to establish conditions related to an extension to the slot usage waiver for the winter season.

The conditions attached outline the agreement reached between coordinators, airlines and airports reflecting the spirit of collaboration among the parties to ensure the EU aviation sector remains supported through another season of unpredictable changes. We believe these conditions balance the needs of all stakeholders and should ensure timely return of slots that are not planned for use. This will help inform the air transport ecosystem of changing schedule plans, whilst balancing the ability to recover demand and adapt to ever changing external factors related to the crisis and reallocate capacity.

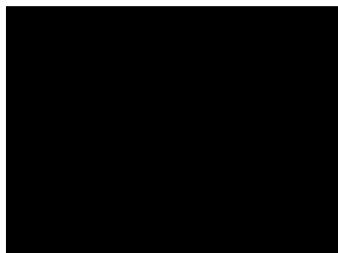
Given that we have reached agreement on these conditions, we hope this provides a satisfactory basis for progressing the extension of the slot waiver for the full winter season and allows this to be granted shortly after the 31 August. We are therefore seeking your advice on how best these conditions could be made enforceable whilst expediting the extension of the waiver.

It is of critical importance all parties can continue winter planning without delay, so the industry can manage costs and the operation in a sustainable manner. Guidance the Commission can provide to this effect would enable progress. We stand ready and willing to discuss any of the above to achieve a mutually beneficial position as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,



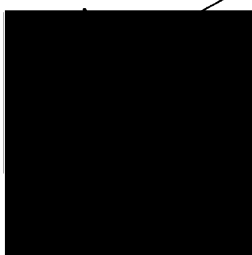
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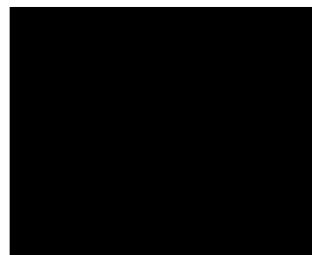
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