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EUACA STATEMENT ABOUT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING THE SLOT REGULATION

The European Airport Coordinators Association (EUACA) notes the European Commission's proposal for amending the slot regulation to respond to the continuing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on efficient airport slot use.

During the Autumn, coordinators worked with airline and airport representatives in the Worldwide Airport Slots Board to produce an agreed industry recommendation on slot coordination for Summer 2021. The recommendation offers a balanced approach which would allow airlines to hand back full series of slots well ahead of the season and in turn allow these slots to be reallocated to airlines which could use them. This would encourage greater use of airport capacity. EUACA believes that, overall, this approach would serve the aviation industry and the needs of travellers and shippers well during the Summer 2021 season.

EUACA calls on all concerned to work quickly together to clarify the rules which will apply in Summer 2021 so that airlines and airports can make plans and coordinators can implement the rules successfully. Ideally, any changes should be in place before the Historic Baseline Date, 31 January 2021. EUACA will continue to maintain its dialogue within the industry and with the European Commission to seek a practicable outcome for managing airport slots to ensure efficient use and avoid uncertainty.

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