

Mr. Luke Manning,
Commission for Aviation Regulation (CAR),
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Re. Revisions to Slot Sanction Scheme

Dear Luke,

The IAA welcomes the opportunity to comment on the CAR's proposed revisions to the Guidelines for the Slot Sanction Scheme for Dublin airport. We welcome and support the proposed amendments.

The slot sanction scheme works as a deterrent to the misuse of slots at Dublin airport. While we do not believe that slot misuse is a significant issue at this time, we are conscious of the significant negative impact that slot misuse can have on air traffic operations at the airport. The proposed changes serve to "tighten" up the guidelines; we are of the view that this is reasonable given the ongoing demand for slots at Dublin airport and capacity constraints which are forecast to occur in the coming years. It is important that all slot users are required to act in a fair and efficient manner in order to optimise operations for all users of the airport.

While we support the changes to the guidelines, we note that the actual sanctions set out in SI 460 of 2013, are relatively small. We recommend that the CAR continue to monitor slot misuse at Dublin airport and if there is an increase in slot misuse recorded, that a recommendation is made to Government to increase the sanctions to a level which takes greater account of the impact on the efficiency of operations (delays) at Dublin airport.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. McCann', is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Paul McCann,
Operations Manager, Dublin Airport.