

## CP2/2018: Decision on Timeline for Coordination Parameters Decisions

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### Introduction

- 1.1 The Commission is responsible for the declaration of coordination parameters at Dublin Airport for each summer and winter season. The decision-making process includes extensive engagement with the Dublin Airport Coordination Committee and the generation of evidence (for example simulation modelling).
- 1.2 This Decision sets out the timeline for these decisions. It is based on the IATA deadline for confirmation of the coordination parameters (Day X). The table below sets out this timetable applied to the Winter 2018 season and also the Summer 2019 season. This timetable will also be applied for future seasons. On 13 December 2017, we published a draft timeline and requested views from stakeholders. We received 3 responses, which are published alongside this paper.
- 1.3 Ahead of future decisions on coordination parameters, the Commission intends to update and validate the airfield model, developed ahead of the Summer 2018 declaration, in order to assess the proposed capacity declaration.<sup>1</sup> This exercise benefits from a forecast schedule which is informed by airline plans. The timeline we will work to is set out below:

### Final Timeline

Action	Timeline	Winter 2018	Summer 2019
	Day X	10 May	27 September
Final Decision published <sup>2</sup>	Day X-1 week	3 May	20 September
Submissions due on Draft Decision	Day X-2 weeks	26 April	13 September
Draft Decision published	Day X-4 weeks	12 April	30 August
Advice from Coordination Committee due	Day X-5 weeks	5 April	23 August
Circulate forecast schedule final assessment	Day X-6 weeks	29 March	16 August
Submissions due on draft assessment	Day X-7 weeks	22 March	9 August
Circulate forecast schedule draft assessment	Day X-8 weeks	15 March	2 August
Confirmation of schedule/wishlist to be assessed	Day X-11 weeks	22 February	12 July
Airlines to submit wishlists to ACL	Day X-12 weeks	15 February	5 July
Model validation in conjunction with stakeholders	From Day X-15 weeks	Commencing January	Commencing June

### Submissions Received in Response to the Draft Timeline

- 1.4 Aer Lingus requested a Final Decision at least one week before the IATA deadline (Day X). It also requested that the wishlist submission date be moved later, if possible, in order to allow airlines to submit a wishlist which would be a more accurate reflection of their final desired operating schedules.
- 1.5 ACL stated its willingness to work to any timeline set out, however similarly to Aer Lingus it noted that an early wishlist submission deadline could affect the accuracy of the wishlists.

<sup>1</sup> Validation may not be required ahead of each decision.

<sup>2</sup> See paragraph 1.8.

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- 1.6 Dublin Airport set out an alternative timeline. It proposed to reduce the amount of time between the Airlines' wishlist submission date and confirmation of the schedule to be assessed from three weeks to one week, and to reduce the amount of time for the Final Decision from two weeks to one week. It proposed to use this additional time to allow four weeks for the initial modelling work on the forecast schedule.

### *Commission's Response to Submissions Received*

- 1.7 The final timeline seeks to balance the needs of various stakeholders, while allowing sufficient time for a thorough and collaborative assessment of the best available evidence.
- 1.8 We have moved the date for the Final Decision forward by one week. We will endeavour to publish by that date, however we would note that should there be delays in the process, or should more time be required for the Final Decision, it may be necessary to push the date back again.
- 1.9 We recognise that the earlier the wishlist submission deadline, the greater the risk that final operating schedules will deviate from that indicated in the wishlist submission. However, in our view, 11-12 weeks are required from the wishlist submission deadline in order to allow sufficient time for all of the work to be completed, as is clear in the Final Timeline. Therefore Day X-12 weeks is the latest possible deadline.
- 1.10 As suggested by Dublin Airport, we have moved the deadline for confirmation of the schedule/wishlist to be assessed forward by two weeks. We have not moved the date for circulation of the draft assessment, as to do so would not allow sufficient time to complete the subsequent actions. This allows for three weeks to complete draft assessments, rather than four as suggested by Dublin Airport. However, there are four weeks between the deadline for airlines to submit wishlists, and the deadline for circulation of the draft assessment.