

Coordination Committee Netherlands
Mr B. Imminga, Chairman

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Subject: **Capacity declaration winter 2017/2018**

Dear Mr Imminga,

In the CCN meeting of April 10th 2017 the draft Capacity Declaration Winter 2017/2018 for Amsterdam Airport Schiphol was discussed. A transcript of this discussion was sent to the 'Operationeel Schiphol Overleg' (OSO – Operational Management Committee Schiphol) as input for the final Capacity Declaration.

In the interests of consistency and completeness I herewith send you an overview of the changes made to the capacity declaration following discussion in the Coordination Committee.

Next to that a memo, requested by Airport Coordination Netherlands, is included which gives an overview of the differences of the Capacity Declaration Winter 2017/2018 compared to the Winter 2016/2017 and Summer 2017 capacity declarations.

Please note that both this letter and the attached overview are meant to explain factual differences between the capacity declarations and are not intended to be qualifications or interpretations by Schiphol Group.

Environmental capacity; Available number of slots for Commercial Aviation

The upcoming legally binding maximum of 500K movements as well as the regulation adopted by the state secretary on carrying out an experiment with the limit of 32K night movements were taken into account as constraints. This was made explicit by adding the last paragraph to this section of the Capacity Declaration. With this adjustment the line "Capacity (aircraft movements)" in the table in the upper part of this section became redundant and was therefore deleted.

Transfer of slots

The transfer of slots has always been part of the Capacity Declaration for summer. The impact on the feasibility of the regular number of slots for the summer season increased by unused winter capacity turned out to be too uncertain for some airlines. Therefore the text concerning a fixed procedure to transfer unused slots from winter to summer is replaced by a working procedure for summer 2018: "The manner and to which degree unused capacity of Winter 2017/2018 may be transferred will be declared in the Capacity Declaration of Summer 2018".

With this replacement the remark "The (legal) constraint of the number of night movements may affect the possibility to transfer unused night slots in the winter season to the subsequent summer season." was redundant and therefore deleted.

Night

The additional requirements not to re-allocate night slots that were returned to the slot pool (status start of Winter 2017/2018 season) and the reduction of the declared night capacity as soon as/the moment that historic night slots are returned to the slot coordinator, were removed from the Capacity Declaration for Winter 2017/2018. Not re-allocate these night slots or lowering the declared capacity would lead to under-usage of capacity in Winter 2017/2018.

In previous Capacity Declarations the slot coordinator was requested to take a target into account of 10,000 actual night movements for the allocation of night slots that are not eligible for historic precedence. The sector could not agree at this stage on either continuing this request or on introducing a procedure to monitor during the season. Due to the risk of exceeding the limit of 32K night movements, this target was removed: according to Schiphol Group the planning limit is the absolute maximum number of slots to be allocated for night departures and arrivals.

All OSO members strived to reach consensus, since this could not be reached on all topics ultimately Schiphol Group took responsibility to determine the Capacity Declaration Winter 2017/2018 issued on May 2, 2017.

If there are any unanswered questions, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,
SCHIPHOL GROUP

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Enclosed: Memo Capacity declaration W1718 – differences with W1617 and Summer 2017

Copies to:

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