

# Asia/Pacific Airport Coordinators Association (APACA)

## Agenda Item 6

### Hong Kong Historic Dispensation for W19

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Brisbane, Australia



# Dispensation of 80/20 Rule for S19 (Aug – Oct) and W19

**Hong Kong Schedule Coordination Office**

# Disruptions at Hong Kong International Airport

- **Affected Dates:**
  - **5 August 2019**
  - **12 August 2019**
  - **13 August 2019**
  - **14 August 2019**
- **Around 1,000 passenger flights cancelled on the above dates**
- **Many other flights delayed or rescheduled**

# Slot Cancellations

- **S19:**

**Average 80 daily passenger flight slots cancelled in Aug – Oct**

- **W19:**

**Average 25 daily passenger flight slots cancelled**

# Suspension of “use-it-or-lose-it” rule for S19

- **HKSCO had received requests from IATA & airlines for waiver of 80/20 rule**
- **IATA WSG 8.8.1**
  - **When calculating the 80% usage of a series of slots, slots not used will be considered as operated if the non-utilization is justified for any of the following reasons**
    - **Interruption of the air services of the airline due to unforeseeable and unavoidable causes outside the airline’s control, for example a closure of an airport or airspace or severe weather.**
- **Waiver for August issued on 15 Aug**
- **Waiver for the rest of S19 issued on 13 Sep**
- **All flights from August onwards in S19 are deemed as operated in calculating the 80% usage**

# Suspension of “Use-it-or-lose-it” Rule for W19

- **After discussion at Scheduling Advisory Committee on 17 Sep 2019, it was agreed to relieve the “use-it-or-lose-it” rule for W19**
- **Suspension advice issued on 17 Sep 2019**
- **Operators will be entitled in W20 the same series of slots with noise quota counts (QCs) cleared to them on the historical baseline date at 2359UTC on 31Aug2019 for W19**
- **Any new series slot requests accommodated for W19 with immediate effect will not be granted historic right for W20, but if operated 80%, will have higher priority in W20**

# Previous Dispensations Given at HKG

- **SARS in S03**
  - **Passenger demand to HKG dropped**
  - **Dispensation also given by EU, Australia, Japan, South Africa, Thailand and Taiwan**
- **Economic Crisis in S09**
  - **Air travel demand dropped globally**
  - **Dispensation also given by EU**

## Dispensation at other airports for flights affected at HKG

- **Airport to grant dispensation for S19 disruption dates & W19**
  - **Australia, Thailand, Taiwan, Osaka (Level 2)**
- **EUACA Slot Guideline 4 (effective 06.11.2017):**
  - **An extraordinary circumstance which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measure had been taken, and therefore would qualify for dispensation of the application of “use it or lose it” rule for their slots**