

December 2018

Night Flight Restrictions for the Winter 2018 Season

We have been notified by London Luton Airport (LLA) that new night flight quota restrictions are now being applied for the 2018 winter season viz:

Ad-hoc movements and QC points available during the night period for the 2018 winter season are 750 movements and 90 QC.

What does this mean for SFS Luton customers?

We are in discussion with the airport to determine how best to reduce the impact of these restrictions. Meanwhile, to ensure the quotas are not all used up early in the season, LLA have advised that the new ruling will be interpreted to mean a limit of 33 movements and 4 QC points per week.

- The current week runs from Sunday to Saturday and the restricted night time period is from 2330Z to 0659Z
- When the limits are reached, the booking of night ad hoc slots will be constrained for the rest of that week.

Movements and QCs that are not used in any particular week will be carried forward to the following week. Our SFS Luton Ops department will receive a daily update identifying the remaining availability for movements and QC's, both for the current week and the next. This should help with planning future bookings.

In terms of exemptions, the following flights will be permitted to operate independently of any restrictions, subject to relevant checks and the approval of ACL or LLA Ops as appropriate:

- Diverts and the subsequent recovery flight
- Delays due to ATC (weather, industrial action, ATFM regulations)
- Emergencies (aircraft emergencies & Critical Medical Air Ambulance Flights)
- Flights that if not permitted would lead to serious hardship or congestion at the Airfield or Terminal

To ensure compliance, we shall now be asking for a copy of your aircraft noise certificate for any night flight.

If your aircraft is rated 0 QC for arrival or departure, then you will be able to operate regardless of QC limits as long as we have night movements available.

Flights departing later in the evening

If you have a departure/arrival that you think could slip from day time operation into the night planning period starting at 2330Z, we urge you to do everything possible to operate on time. If you are delayed, then if we have not reached the QC limit (if appropriate) and the maximum limit of 33 ad hoc movements per week, then we should be able to delay your departure/arrival slot. However, if we have reached the 4 QC value and your aircraft has a departure/arrival QC value greater than 0 or for any aircraft when we have reached the weekly night movements' limit, then we will not be able to delay your slot after 2330Z. The next slots available will be after 0659Z the following morning.

Our team at SFS Luton very much regret and understand how inconvenient this new night flight quota is and we will endeavour to help and advise you to ensure the least possible disruption to your operations.

Meanwhile, if you would like to speak with someone in person to discuss how this LLA night flight quota might affect you and how best to minimise the risk to your operations, please contact one of the following key personnel.

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