

IMPORTANT : Capacity reduction at CDG airport from the 9th of January to the 14th of February 2024 ("4-Flight"): last call for flight cancellations prior to formal notice by French CAA.

Dear Sir or Madam

Since January 2022, the services of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGAC), the national civil aviation authority, have been mobilised to present to you through numerous bodies the deployment of the new air navigation control system, known as "4-Flight", in the French en-route control centres (CRNA). This structural deployment is essential to the modernisation of French air navigation services. Of the 5 French en-route centres, two (CRNA-East and CRNA-South-East) have been equipped with this new system since 2022, one (CRNA-North – Paris ACC) is in the process of being deployed and the last two (CRNA-West and CRNA-South-West) will be equipped starting in 2025.

The deployment of 4-Flight in CRNA-Nord requires special measures, as this centre manages all arrivals and departures from airports in the Paris region, including Paris-Charles de Gaulle (CDG), Paris-Orly (ORY), Paris-Le Bourget (LBG) and Beauvais-Tillé (BVA) airports.

As presented at the IATA Slots conference in Dublin in June 2023, this deployment will lead to a transition phase, between autumn 2023 and autumn 2024, prior to the commissioning phase of 4-Flight in Paris ACC, which will begin on 5 November 2024. This transition phase is characterised by tests known as UOP (programmed operational use : live trial) of varying duration (excluding the period of the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games). These UOPs require reductions in the airlines' flight schedules to accompany the 30% reduction in air navigation service capacity for change management purposes. Short UOPs are managed by temporary capacity reductions specified by the DGAC two months before the UOP date.

The long UOP scheduled from the 9th of January to the 14th of February 2024 is managed by reducing the coordination parameters of the airports concerned.

To this end, for the period **from the 9th of January to the 14th of February 2024**, the new coordination parameters for the coordinated airports of Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly, Paris-Le Bourget and Beauvais-Tillé have been published, before the 31st of August 2023 (HBD S24), following their validation by the relevant coordination committees, in application of the international rules on airport slots.

This reduction in parameters, in 3 phases, is implemented in accordance with European Regulation (EEC) No. 95/93 by the French coordinator, COHOR, designated as such by the French State in the amended Order of 22 February 2017 designating COHOR as coordinator at French coordinated airports.

As a reminder, the 3 phases communicated to all airlines by the French coordinator COHOR are as follows:

- Phase 1 - from the 1st to the 8th of September 2023: voluntary cancellations by all carriers
- Phase 2 - from the 9th to the 28th of September 2023: identification of overruns by COHOR so that flights can be cancelled in order to absorb the residual overruns
- Phase 3 - from the 2nd of October 2023: identification of overruns by the DGAC for flight cancellations in order to comply with the coordination parameters of CDG, ORY, LBG and BVA airports.

At the end of Phase 2, it appears that your airline has not made any cancellations to comply with the coordination parameters at Paris-Charles de Gaulle (CDG) airport.

It is essential that your airline complies with the formal requests made by the French coordinator COHOR.

Otherwise, within 72 hours, we will identify the flights that you will have to cancel at Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport to comply with the coordination parameters.

I hope to be able to count on your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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