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Tail Specific Penalty Scheme comes into effect on 1st Sept 2017

Given that airport efficiency and the utilization of public resources have been adversely affected due to alleged misuse of slots, the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (CAD) agreed on the introduction of a new Tail Specific Penalty Scheme (penalty scheme) at a recent Slot Management Meeting. This new penalty scheme for users of the Online Coordination System (OCS) has commenced at 00:00hrs local time on 1st September 2017 on a trial basis.

Under the new Tail Specific Penalty Scheme, an aircraft will incur penalty points for any misuse and the accrued penalty points will remain on record for a period of 12 months. Penalty, in the form of the reduction of the booking window from 14 days to 10 days for one calendar month, will be imposed once the particular aircraft's accrued penalty points reach the threshold of 20 points. After the penalty is served, the OCS booking window will be restored to 14 days and the 20 penalty points will be taken off the aircraft's penalty points record.

For the types of misuse and the corresponding penalty points, please refer to the table below. OCS users are expected to notify aircraft owners of the misuse and penalty points accrued accordingly.

Misuse types and corresponding penalty points:

Misuse	Penalty Point(s)
A) Operation without confirmed runway slot or parking stand booking.	10
B) Failure to operate without cancelling the confirmed runway slot or parking stand booking.	5
C) Operation at a time significantly different from the confirmed runway slot	1
D) Cancellation of confirmed runway slot or parking stand booking less than 2 days in advance of the aircraft confirmed slot time.	1
E) Aircraft overstaying.	1

All OCS users should take note that during the first 2 months (September and October) of the trial implementation of the new penalty scheme, their accounts will still be subject to penalty based on their performance in the months of July and August under the previous scheme. Users whose access is terminated under the previous scheme will not be given access to Hong Kong for three months from the date of termination, regardless of the penalty scheme in practice.

The transition timeline for the 2 schemes is illustrated below:

	August 2017	September 2017	October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
Penalty Scheme	Previous	Tail Specific	Tail Specific	Tail Specific	Tail Specific
Performance Report for:	July 2017 (previous)	August 2017 (previous)	September 2017 (Tail)	October 2017 (Tail)	November 2017 (Tail)
Penalty imposed for the performance in:	June 2017 (previous)	July 2017 (previous)	August 2017 (previous)	September 2017 (Tail)	October 2017 (Tail)

Any misuse of aircraft operation by OCS users will be notified at their respective OCS email addresses no later than 10 working days after the specific act.

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