

# Midweek Briefing 06JUL: Hong Kong capacity problems, Iceland: The fun continues

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**Hong Kong capacity problems** 06JUL During this year, the Hong Kong CAA has issued a couple of warnings to operators to stick carefully to their allocated slots, but it's not making much of a difference to operations there. [Read the article.](#)

**Iceland: The fun continues** 06JUL Last week there were some really positive indications that the ATC strike in Iceland was coming to an end, but it's now worse than ever, with Westbound, Eastbound, and landing traffic all affected. [Read the article.](#)

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**HECC/Cairo FIR** A restriction exists for traffic to and from the Amman FIR, so if overflying Jordan and then Egypt, or vice versa, you can only use the waypoint METSA.

**OMAE/Emirates FIR** has some updated peak times. Departures need a slot between 0630-0730Z and 1700-0000Z. Arrivals will be spaced 5 mins apart during these times also, as will aircraft entering the OMAE FIR from nearby airports like Muscat, Isa, and Baghdad.

**EIDW/Dublin** Runway 10/28 is closed overnight until 09JUL.

**OERK/Riyadh, Saudi Arabia** will be hosting the 'Global Ministerial Aviation Summit' 29AUG-31AUG. 55 different ministers from various countries are expected to be in attendance. Be aware of potential restrictions leading up to and after the event.

**CYFB/Iqaluit** Another NAT alternate favourite, CYFB has some runway closures throughout July.

**EGCC/Manchester** is doing some work on 05L/23R overnight until 08JUL and has advised operators to

carry some extra gas due possibility of holding.

**LOWW/Vienna** has published a helpful list of rush hour periods – worth avoiding these times as holding is common at VIE. The times are: 0530-0750, 0920-1030, 1140-1240, 1340-1500, 1615-1800, and 1840-1940Z.

**BIZZ/Iceland** Despite optimistic reports of a resolution to the ATC dispute in Iceland last week, the situation remains unresolved. Last night BIRD Oceanic was closed to most Eastbound traffic once again, as was BIKF. A new addition to restrictions is a closure to many Westbound flights on Wednesday 06JUL – “DUE TO STAFF SHORTAGE IN REYKJAVIK OACC WESTBOUND TFC PLANNING TO ENTER BIRD FROM ENSV VIA GUNPA, VALDI, IPTON, INGAL, ISVIG AND EGFX VIA LIRKI, GONUT, OLKER, MATIK AND RATU AND THEN PROCEEDING INTO EGGX OR CZQX SHALL REMAIN SOUTH OF BIRD CTA” Read the article.

**EDYY/Maastricht** ATC have requested crews operating through the Maastricht UIR to log on to CPDLC EDYY, if you have datalink. While voice remains the primary comms method, you might get an uplink message if the frequency is busy – it's not a test, you should confirm – most of these uplinks are likely to be frequency changes.

**EPZZ/Poland** has advised operators to check carefully whether permission is required in advance of operations at airports other than EPWW/Warsaw. Many countries including Poland have reinstated Border Controls within the Schengen zone. Best advice is to treat each country as having full Border Controls for the moment (so think Passport, GenDec, etc.)

**SPIM/Lima FIR** (Note that the airport is now SPJC, distinct from the FIR code) is shutting down airway UG427 after 21JUL.

**SUEO/Montevideo ACC** (Uruguay) has some comms issues in it's airspace, and has advised of some extreme spacing between aircraft irrespective of FL – 40nm. For now, this ends today (06JUL) but may happen again.

**WSZZ/Singapore** Qualifying citizens of Singapore are now eligible to apply for US Global Entry membership – and benefit from expedited entry to the United States at designated airports. Similarly, qualified U.S. citizens are eligible for enrolment in Singapore's enhanced-Immigration Automated Clearance System (eIACS).

**ZMUB/Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia** is downgraded to RFF Cat 7 until 10JUL. Also, from 12-16JUL, you can't file this as an alternate which may limit your options somewhat.

**LFPG/Paris** due to maintenance on the ILS for Runway 08L/26R from 18JUL to 02OCT. The only approaches that will be available will be RNAV based procedures (LNAV/VNAV, LPV, LNAV) and VOR/DME.

**GQNN/Nouakchott, Mauritania** has moved to a new international airport this June. Located approximately 10nm north of the city, it has an annual passenger capacity of 2 million. Infrastructure from the capital's old airport was transported to the new one.

**SECU/Cuenca** Following the landing incident on 28APR of an E190, all inbound flights will be reportedly be held if the runway is wet – until end of August.

**LFMH/St Etiennee** Fuel outage on 07JUL, 0800-1100 UTC.

**Canada/Mexico** From 01DEC2016, Mexican nationals will be able to travel to Canada without a visa for business and tourism for up to 90 days.

**Turkey/Russia** Russia has lifted the travel restrictions on tourists between the two countries. The ban was put in place following the downing of a Russian military aircraft last year.

**Bangladesh** Germany, Australia and the U.K. have banned direct cargo flights from Bangladesh due to security concerns.

**Israel/China** The Israeli parliament has ratified a multiple-entry visa agreement with China, under which Chinese business visitors and tourists can enter Israel multiple times with the same ten-year visa and vice versa.

**EZZZ/Europe** the European Union updated **Air Safety list** (aka the Airline Blacklist) on 17JUN, and lifted a ban on Zambian air carriers.

**Uganda** Introduction of 'e-visa' system. You must show a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate on arrival.

**ZJSA/Sanya FIR, China** has an ADS-B trial up and running on L642 and M771. Radar is still the primary separation tool, but ATC ask that you check your Flight ID matches your FPL.

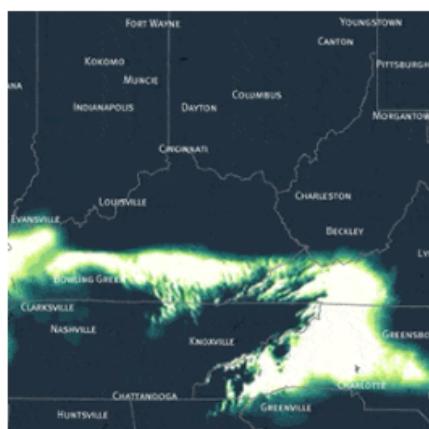
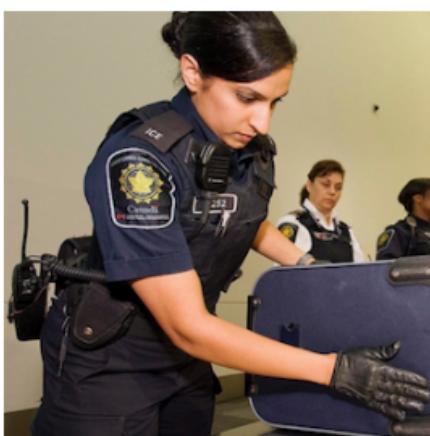
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**New Canada Entry Rules** 10FEB CXXX/Canada Starting 15 MAR 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada will need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with an existing visa, and commercial aircrew. [Read more ...](#)

**Winter Storms clear Newfoundland** 10FEB Nova Scotia and Newfoundland (CYQX, CYHZ, CYYT) have two severe Winter Storms passing through this week; Halifax will see up to 40cm of snow, affecting diversion choices on the North Atlantic. **The visualisation above** shows the US Winter storm at the end

of January.

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**MKJK/Kingston FIR Jamaica**, has ongoing issues with radar coverage and serviceability, leading to ad-hoc flow management procedures including 15 minute en-route separation, and 10 minute arrival separation at international airports. Latest update indicates this will continue throughout February. We have had several reports from international airlines of delays averaging around 1 hour on departure. Further reports welcome to bulletin@fsbureau.org.

**SKED/Bogota ACC, Colombia** is applying 20 minute spacing for northbound flights heading into Jamaican airspace due to the increasing delays there.

**SPIM/Lima FIR** Peru have published new Aircraft Interception procedures for Civil Aircraft. Probably worth a look – although, we must warn you, they are in Spanish only, and exceptionally lengthy. Maybe just double check that overflight permit and keep in touch with ATC instead.

**North Atlantic** As mentioned last week, effective 04FEB MNPS Airspace is replaced by HLA/High Level Airspace on the North Atlantic. A popular topic. RNP4 or RNP10 now required. Read our International Ops Notice 01/2016 or our blog post: Did you know MNPS is over?

**NVVV/Port Vila, Vanuatu** Several airlines have suspended operations here effective 01FEB16 over concerns as to the condition of the runway. Airport remains open without restriction.

**PACD/Cold Bay** has no Jet A1 Fuel available until 29FEB

**HRYR/Kigali**'s runway is closed on a nightly basis from 0200-0700 local time (0000-0500 UTC) until 31MAR for repairs.

**North Korea** launched a long range rocket at 0031Z on 07FEB. According to preliminary reports, the rocket passed over the Japanese island of Okinawa and landed in the Pacific Ocean. US military officials stated that the rocket did not pose a threat to the United States or allies in the region. South Korean media reported that North Korea is preparing for another nuclear test and has the technology necessary for an inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM).

**AYPY/Port Moresby** has a number of common VHF frequencies out of service because of a Telecomms fault. ATC advise to call them on HF HF 5565, 8861, 6622, or 8837, if able.

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