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To All Air Carriers Operating or Intending to Operate at Chicago O'Hare International Airport for the Summer 2027 Season:

The Chicago O'Hare Airport Scheduling Manager is bound by Sections 2.3 and 2.4 of the Chicago O'Hare Terminal Space Use Protocols (TSUPs) to communicate a Seasonal Update one (1) month prior to the Summer 2027 Submission deadline, which in this specific case is **8 October 2026**.

The relative delay in sending this communication is due to the final version of the Summer 2027 Capacity Declaration was delayed after comments and revisions required to be made by the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA).

Thus, this correspondence and IGC (International Gate Control) website link provided below will provide all Air Carriers operating or intending to operate into Chicago O'Hare with the Terminal Space Use Protocols, Master Common Use Gate Space Plans, Capacity Parameters and, as listed below, the submission deadline dates that will be used to coordinate airport facilities for the IATA (International Air Transport Association) Summer 2027 Season which becomes effective on **28 March 2027** and operates through **30 October 2027.**

It is critical to do a detailed review of this content and respond with all the required information by the specific due dates.

Summer 2027 Submission Deadlines:

1. Schedule Submissions for Use of Preferential Use Gate and Terminal Space including Preferential Gate Space Plans **8 October 2026**. (Section 2.4 of the TSUPs)
    a. Any Preferential carrier overscheduling Remain Overnight Operations (RONs) - that plan to utilize Common Use Gate or Hardstand Space must be included as part of their Initial Schedule Submission.
    b. Monthly schedule updates must be submitted in accordance with Section 2.4 of the TSUPs.
        i. Monthly schedule updates must be submitted in UTC.
        ii. Monthly schedule updates in Excel format will no longer be accepted by the Scheduling Manager.
2. Schedule Submissions for Use of Domestic (which includes EAS carriers) and International Common Use Gate and Related Common Use Ancillary Terminal Space if required **8 October 2026**. (Section 2.3 of the TSUPs)
    a. Domestic and International Schedule Submissions to be submitted by Network Planning.
        i. Schedules submitted by Local Station Management will not be accepted.
    b. Related Common Use Ancillary Terminal Space requests to be submitted by Local Station Management.
        i. A Common Use Ancillary Space Request form and instructions is on the IGC Inc. website under the O'Hare –> Seasonal tab.

Please note the following:

1. Impact and Penalty for Late Submissions of Initial Schedules and Gate Space Plans (Section 2.5 of the TSUPs)
2. Impact and Penalty for Late/Non-submission of Terminal Ancillary Space Requests will result in the assignment using Section 5.2 of the TSUPs.

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Impacts on EAS (Essential Air Service) Carriers

1. EAS carriers not being voluntarily accommodated by Preferential Gate Space carriers at O'Hare will be utilizing the International Common Use Gates and/or Hardstand space at Terminal 5.
2. EAS carriers will be scheduled to Common Use check-in space available at Terminal 2 or Terminal 5 as defined within the capacity declaration.

Note to Common Use Departing Carriers

1. Following the schedule submission approval process a form will be sent to Local Station Management to complete related to specific overhead check-in signage information.

Note to All Carriers Submitting for Domestic Common Use

1. Per the Capacity Declaration, the various Domestic Common Use Gate Space that is available, per the table below. Air Carriers submitting for Domestic Common Use are to submit a full season, based on the below dates. **Carriers will be expected to wholly operate out of the respective terminal(s)**, if awarded.

Season	Effective Period		Available Domestic Common Use Gate Space
S27	Mar 28, 2027 – Jun 30, 2027	-	G12
	Jul 1, 2027 – Jul 14, 2027	-	No Domestic Common Use Available
	Jul 15, 2027 – Sep 9, 2027	-	M6
	Sep 10, 2027 – Sep 30, 2027	-	M3, M4, M6
	Oct 1, 2027 – Oct 30, 2027	-	Dependent on Triggering of Annual Gate Redetermination

Note to Preferential Carriers Operating on Domestic Common Use

1. Any Preferential carrier allocated to Domestic Common Use gates, requiring de-icing, will be required to conduct this operation at the Central De-icing Facility (CDF).

All information and associated attachments are posted on the IGC website under the O'Hare – Seasonal tab. https://www.igcinc.org/seasonal-communication/

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me directly. Pass along to those I missed or interested in the information.

Sincerely,

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