

Gibraltar Director of Civil Aviation

# Air Traffic Flow Management

Direction 04

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## Revision History

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1	Initial Issue	31/07/2023

## Rationale

Annex 11 to the Chicago Convention requires that Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) shall be implemented for airspace where air traffic demand at times exceeds, or is expected to exceed, the declared capacity of the air traffic control services concerned.

The capacity of the air traffic control services concerned will normally be declared by the appropriate ATS authority.

When it becomes apparent to an ATC unit that traffic additional to that already accepted cannot be accommodated within a given period of time at a particular location or in a particular area, or can only be accommodated at a given rate, that unit shall so advise the central ATFM unit via the local ATFM unit, when such is established, as well as, when appropriate, ATS units concerned. Flight crews of aircraft destined to the location or area in question and operators concerned shall also be advised of the delays expected or the restrictions that will be applied.

## Direction

As Director of Civil Aviation, in the exercise of my powers under section 17(1) of the Civil Aviation Act 2009, I direct that all persons or organizations conducting Air Traffic Control Services at Gibraltar Airport are to comply with the following requirements:

1. When an ATFM measure has to be applied, ATS units shall coordinate through the local ATFM unit with the central unit for ATFM.
2. ATS units shall ensure that ATFM measures applied to Gibraltar Airport are coordinated with the airport managing body concerned, in order to ensure efficiency in airport planning and usage for the benefit of  
operators of aircraft,  
entities involved in airspace management;

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airport managing bodies;

the central unit for ATFM;

3. ATS units shall notify to the central unit for ATFM, through the local ATFM unit, all events that may impact air traffic control capacity or air traffic demand.

4. ATS units shall provide the central unit for ATFM, through the local ATFM unit, with airport capacity and actual flight take-off times in a timely manner.

5. ATS units shall consider Seville ACC as the local ATFM unit, obtaining a release prior to an aircraft departure shall be considered to comply with the requirements for provision of actual take-off times.



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