

## GATCOM

21 JANUARY 2021

**DFT CONSULTATION: NIGHT FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS  
PROCESS FOR GATCOM'S CONSIDERATION****REPORT BY SECRETARIAT****UPDATED PROCESS FOR GATCOM'S CONSIDERATION**

1. The DfT has advised that it is extending the deadline for the second part of the Night Flight Restrictions consultation which will now close on 31 May 2021. This means that the deadline for:

- responding to consultation questions 6-12 will still close on 3 March. This part of the consultation relates to the proposal to roll forward the current regime for two years and the proposed ban on QC4 rated aircraft; and
- responding to consultation questions 13 onwards will close on 31 May. This part of the consultation relates to the review of the dispensations criteria and the night flights policy post 2024.

2. In view of this a revised process for considering GATCOM's response is suggested. The updated paragraph 2.3 of the Secretariat's report at item 6(b) is as follows:

**New Paragraph 2.3**

2.3 Given the importance of this consultation and the need for GATCOM member organisations to consider the detail of the proposals within the timeframe of the consultation period it is suggested that the following process for consideration be agreed.

**21 January** – GATCOM:

- DfT presentation outlining the consultation
- Extension of time to respond to consultation questions 13 onwards – 31 May
- Agree revised process for consideration

**22 January - 8 February** – Member organisation views sought on questions 6-12 via email to assist preparation of GATCOM response to that part of the consultation (consultation questions relate to the roll forward of current regime for 2 years and the proposed QC4 rated aircraft ban)

**25 February (14:00 – 15:00)** Special Meeting of GATCOM. One item meeting to:

- GAL Presentation on usage over the period covered by the existing regime
- consider and agree the Committee's response to the night flights stage 1 consultation questions 6-12.

Followed by –

**25 February (15:15 – 16:30)** – GATCOM Workshop "Future Night Flights Regime" for all GATCOM members and support officers:

- to explore member organisations' views on their aspirations for a future regime at Gatwick.
- Dispensations review
- identify common themes to help form the basis of a suggested GATCOM response to consultation Questions 13 onwards.

**3 March** – submission deadline for Consultation Questions 6-12 of the consultation (roll forward of current regime)

**1 April** – GATCOM Steering Group – initial consideration of proposed GATCOM response to Questions 13 onwards which takes into account the common themes identified at the GATCOM Workshop. A copy of initial draft response to be circulated to all GATCOM members for feedback to be reported into the GATCOM Steering Group meeting for consideration.

**22 April** – GATCOM – consider and agree final draft GATCOM response.

**31 May** – submission deadline for Questions 13 onwards

**RECOMMENDED**

That the process for agreeing GATCOM's response as set out in new paragraph 2.3 above be agreed.

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