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RESPONSE BY LLAOL TO REQUEST FROM INSPECTOR UNDERWOOD TO EXPLAIN A SERIES OF FLYING

On Friday 4th November, in the questioning of Rupert Thornely-Taylor, Inspector Underwood asked what a flight series is.

As explained in the appendix to Mr. Hunt's proof, the slot rules are complex.

Whilst there are some variations possible, the below summarises what a flight series is.

A flight that is scheduled to repeat at the same time on the same day for a minimum of five weeks. If 80% of the flight series is flown, it acquires historic rights for the airline.

Historic rights allow an airline to continue to operate the series of flying each year in perpetuity on condition that they continue to operate 80% of the series.

During the Covid 19 Pandemic, the UK government varied the requirement to operate 80% of slots. For the Winter 22 season (November 2022 to March 2023), only 70% of slots need to be operated to allow the retention of historic rights. This is expected to return to 80% once the impacts of the pandemic on the aviation industry have reduced. Other governments worldwide applied similar variations to slot rules.