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AIR TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT VELANA INTERNATIONAL **AIRPORT (VIA)**

Purpose

The purpose of this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is to inform operators of possible delays and diversion of flights due to congestion at VIA during operational peak hours. In order to avoid extensive airborne delays and diversion of flights due to congestion, operators are advised to adhere to the following when operating into VIA.

1. Pre-flight fuel planning should take into account, high possibilities of airborne delay due to congestion and aircraft operators are advised to have sufficient fuel for at least 45 minutes holding. Maldives Airports Company Ltd will not take any responsibility for diversion due to inadequate holding fuel.
2. Pilots should not expect any form of priority handling as a result of *MINIMUM FUEL* declaration (refer 1). ATC will, however, advise the flight crew of any additional expected delays as well as coordinate when transferring control of the aircraft to ensure other ATC units are aware of the aircraft's fuel state/status.
3. Due to limited parking space and ongoing huge civil works to improve airport capacity, there is heavy congestion of the parking area at VIA and to minimize this, advance schedule coordination is required. Hence, operators are advised to follow the given slot times strictly. Arriving before or after the slot time might result in holding and preference will be given to aircraft that are on schedule.

Validity

This AIC will remain valid until 31st March 2022.