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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.

The peak days of VIA are Thursdays (Day 4) and Sundays (Day 7) and peak hours are everyday between 0330 – 1100 UTC and 1430 – 1730 UTC.

In order to avoid extensive airborne delay and diversion of flights due to congestion, operators are advised to adhere to the following when operating into VIA during the aforesaid periods.

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 30 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.

Additionally, the terminal capacity, parking space constraints, ground handling constraints and the high level of domestic operations, will continue to act as restrictive factors resulting in possible additional delays during the peak hours.

Validity

This AIC will remain valid until 31st March 2020.

Cancellation

This AIC replaces AIC 01/19 dated 02 January 2019.