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OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE:

DGAC-DO-TA-001-2026

Topic:

Procedures for facilitating schedules, scheduling and coordination of operations at international airports in Costa Rica (SLOTS).

The Civil Aviation Authority, through the Air Transport Unit, communicates the publication of the OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE: DGAC-DO-TA-001-2026, related to the Procedures for the facilitation of schedules, schedules and coordination of operations at international airports of Costa Rica (SLOTS).

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<p>OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE: DGAC-DO-TA-001-2026 Procedures for facilitating schedules, scheduling and coordination of operations at international airports in Costa Rica (SLOTS)</p>	<p>The Civil Aviation Authority (DGAC) is the entity that exercises the civil aeronautical authority in the country and as such regulates, supervises, controls, supervises and sanctions all aeronautical activities, including activities related to compliance with the itineraries and schedules of air transport flights.</p> <p>In recent years, the increase in operations in Costa Rica has generated degrees of flight congestion during certain periods of the day, week and year at some airports in the country, mainly at the Daniel Oduber Quirós International Airport, in which the growing demand could exceed the available capacity of the airport and affect the levels of service provided.</p> <p>In accordance with the recommendations of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), States should establish effective mechanisms to resolve situations in which demand for the operation of air services exceeds airport capacity, ensuring that any allocation of capacity is made in a fair, non-discriminatory and</p>	<p>14</p>

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transparent manner, and giving due consideration to the interests of all parties involved.

Following these recommendations, the DGAC considers it appropriate to implement Airport Facilitation procedures (for airports declared as level 2) that are adjusted to the existing airport capacity and that guarantee the viable and optimal operation of airports and public transport, based on the best practices and standards of international aeronautical activity related to this matter approved or recommended by the specialized technical bodies of the industry (Global Airport Slots Guidelines (WASG)), developed jointly by Airports Council International (ACI), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the World Airport Coordinators Group (WWACG). This Directive does not address issues relating to coordinated Airports (usually referred to as Level 3).

In this regard, it is necessary to establish the provisions that regulate the approval of flight schedules and the procedures for the organization of civil aviation operations, especially for those airports with a high volume of traffic, as well as for the control of their compliance, in order to safeguard operational safety; all aimed at maximizing the efficient use of available airport capacity.

To this end, the DGAC is working on the preparation of the corresponding regulations, which must be aligned with the General Civil Aviation Law (Law No. 5150 of May 14, 1973), which will be published by decree. However, given the time involved in the promulgation and officialization of a decree and considering the need to order operations and avoid congestion, this Operational Directive is issued, in accordance with article 19 paragraph IX of said law, to begin with the application of some of the procedures aligned with the Global Guidelines for Airport Slots. This will

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	<p>facilitate the transition to the new system for allocating spaces at airports once the regulations are in force.</p> <p>As a specialized unit of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport that exercises the civil aeronautical authority in the country, the DGAC is exclusively competent to supervise, supervise and sanction non-compliance with the provisions and procedures established in this Directive.</p>	
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