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Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
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Dear Secretary of State,

Dispensations Granted for Summer Season 2025

As set out in the Night Flight Dispensations Guidance published on 22 February 2024[1], under Section 78 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, we are required to report to you on summer season night flight dispensations. In the table below we have detailed the rationale for the dispensations recorded for London Gatwick during the summer season 2025. This covers the period between 0100hrs on Sunday 30 March 2025 to 0159hrs on Sunday 26 October 2025.

Reason	Number of dispensations
ATC staffing in Europe	407
Weather in European airspace	248
Weather in local LTMA airspace	127
ATC Radar Failure in the London LTMA on 30 July 2025	22
ATC Radar Failure in Milano (Italian) airspace on 28 June 2025	6
Spain/Portugal national power outage on 28 April 2025	7
Government dispensation for flight in the national interest on 7 July 2025	1
Total	**818**

Table 1: Number of dispensations granted during the summer season in 2025

[1] https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/night-flight-dispensations/night-flight-dispensations

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In relation to the reasons for dispensation outlined in Table 1, specifically those concerning adverse weather conditions and Air Traffic Control (ATC) staffing constraints, these circumstances are classified as unforeseen and beyond the reasonable control of our airlines. Accordingly, dispensations for these reasons should continue to be applied in future seasons. Similarly, exceptional one-off occurrences - such as the domestic and international ATC radar failures or power outages in Spain and Portugal – are inherently unpredictable, are their potential impact on the planned schedule cannot be reasonably anticipated. We would therefore consider it appropriate that dispensations of this nature be made available to address such unforeseen events in the coming year.

The 818 flights detailed in Table 1 have been dispensed in accordance with the guidance set out in the Department for Transport Guidelines on Flights Which May Be Given Dispensation from the Night Restrictions (February 2024). These dispensable reasons would be required in future equivalent seasons to effectively manage and mitigate passenger hardship arising from abnormal or extraordinary circumstances that are beyond the reasonable control of the airlines and/or the airport operator.

Should you or your team have any questions, do not hesitate to contact [redacted]

Yours sincerely,

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