

S26 ATH Temporary Level 3 Change due to Runway Capacity Reduction

17SEP – 22SEP

Working Procedure

November 2025

Introduction

For period 17/09/2026 - 22/09/2026, ATH will be temporarily designated as coordinated (level 3) due to runway works; for this period, the capacity of the airport will be significantly reduced, restricted to a maximum of 17 arrivals and 32 total movements per fixed hour. As a result, there is a significant imbalance between demand and capacity parameters as set by the airport managing body.

For the period of designation as coordinated, SALs have been distributed with action code T (on a conditional basis), since the capacity available on each day of operation is lower than the number of schedules allocated in the previous scheduling period.

Under normal conditions, the S26 capacity declaration of the airport does not include a limit on total movements, which in certain time zones (arrivals ranging from 28 to 31) may reach up to 66 total movements. On every day of operation from 0300 to 2000z during these 6 dates, conditional allocated slots far exceed the declared capacity, as shown in the appendix.

Working Procedure

In order to meet the limits set by the airport, a significant number of slots per time zone must be cancelled. For this reason, HSCA will apply a working procedure described herein, until the number of allocated slots no longer exceeds the movement limit in each fixed hour, in a multi-phase procedure.

- The first phase involves voluntary cancellations from airlines. When voluntary cancellations occur, HSCA will identify whether the coordination parameters as set by the airport managing body are met.

If voluntary cancellations are not sufficient,

- During the second phase, HSCA will inform airlines about the amount of slots that have to be cancelled, per fixed time zone.

If affected airlines do not proceed with cancelling the indicated slots,

- HSCA will decide and withdraw the required amount of slots per airline and time zone.

Finally,

- HSCA will confirm conditional (“T”) slots once the declared capacity limits are no longer exceeded.

Dates	Actions	Responsible Entity
From: 03 Feb 2026 To: 12 Feb 2026	Voluntary cancellations	Airlines
On: 23 Feb 2026	HSCA will share with the concerned airlines the number of slots that need to be cancelled per time zone	HSCA
From: 23 Feb 2026 To: 02 Mar 2026	Airlines to cancel and provide feedback to HSCA regarding the slots that need to be cancelled	Airlines/HSCA
From: 03 Mar 2026 To: 12 Mar 2026	HSCA will revoke/reallocate slots based on the previous phase	HSCA
On: 13 March 2026	Conditional Slots will revert to status “K” once declared capacity is met and the working procedure is concluded	HSCA

Criteria In order to ensure a fair distribution of cancellations across carriers

Pursuant to EU Reg. and the industry's guidelines (WASG), HSCA will apply holistic and proportional criteria, so that the impact is spread across affected airlines in a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner.

Higher priority in allocation criteria will be granted to slots / schedules that were operated in the previous equivalent season. In cases where voluntary cancellations are not sufficient, new flights will be cancelled first.

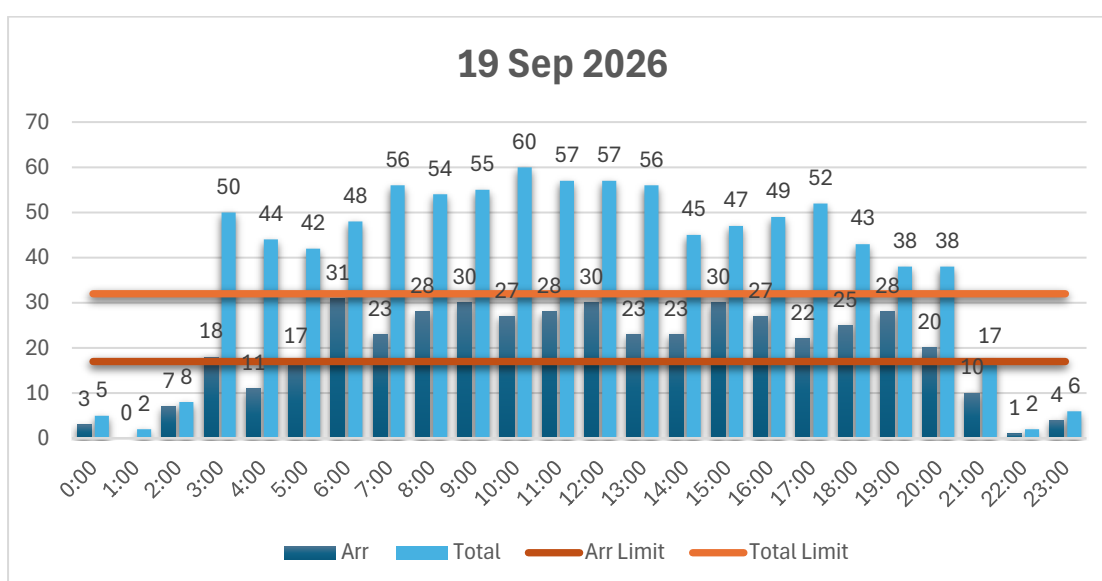
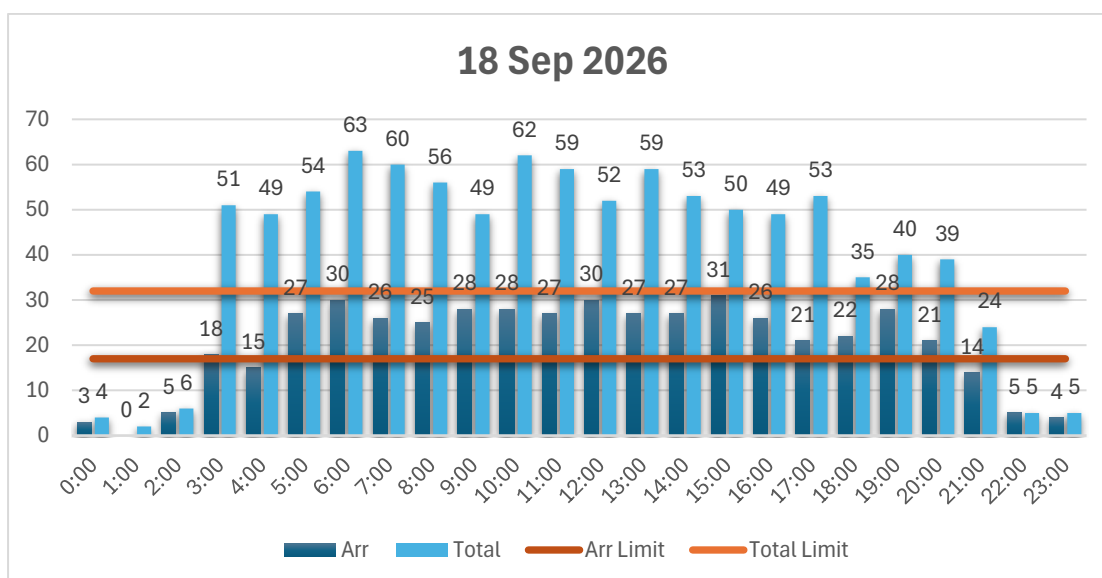
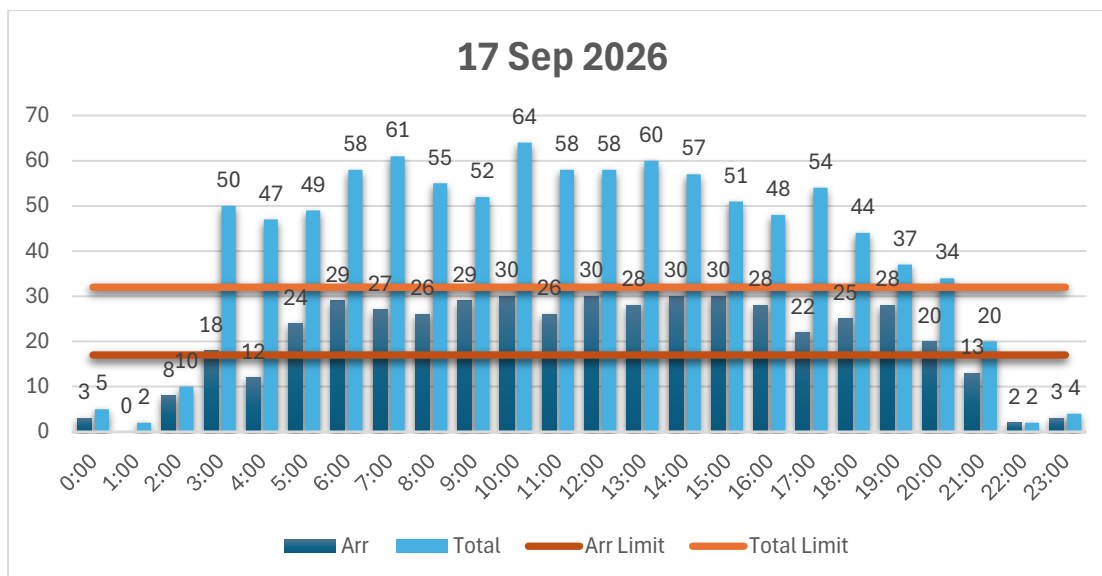
Only airlines that hold up to 2 slots per day, provided that they were operated in the previous equivalent season, will not be affected.

For the affected airlines, the impact will be proportional to the total amount of slots / schedules held per date. The number of slots to be cancelled on each date and time zone will be indicated by HSCA to each affected airline in accordance with the timeline set in the 'Working Procedure' section.

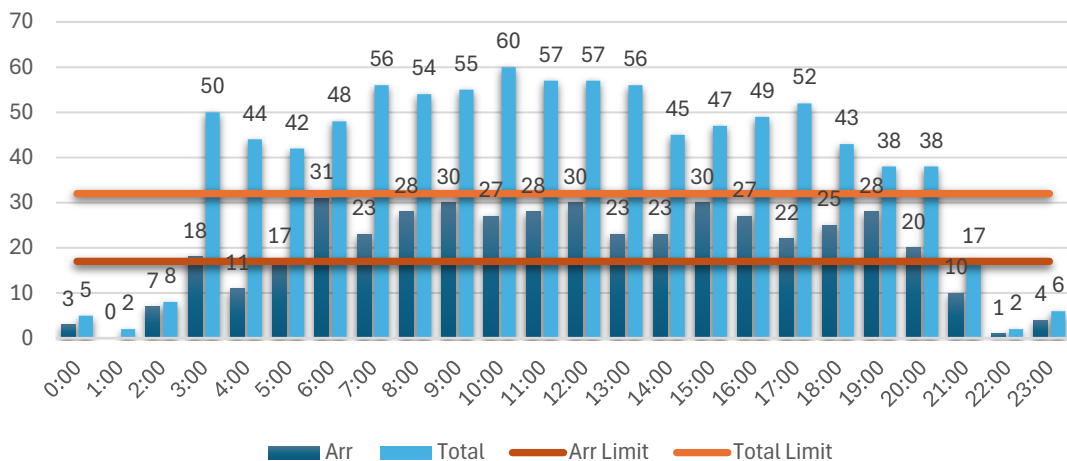
Important Notes

- Linked overnight flights whose departure legs fall within the affected period, are also allocated under "T" status.
- No SCR/SMA messages should be used to request removal of Code T.
- Ad hoc changes requested from airlines for the particular period will not be accepted until the procedure is concluded.
- All unable slots for these dates will be pending on the waitlist, should the airline wish.
- All airlines are requested to cancel the slots/schedules that they do not intend to operate as soon as possible. Late cancellations that may result in waste of the extremely scarce capacity will be recorded.
- In case ATH airport is designated as coordinated for S27 season, all the cancellations/reschedules within the scope of this procedure will be granted JNUS. Furthermore, all flights affected within the domestic network will be granted JNUS.
- All operators must comply with the working procedure.
- HSCA may adjust the working procedure following consultation with the regulator/ HCAA.
- Updates to this procedure will be issued as necessary and distributed to all affected stakeholders.
- HSCA website will be regularly updated with the latest information (www.hsca.gr).

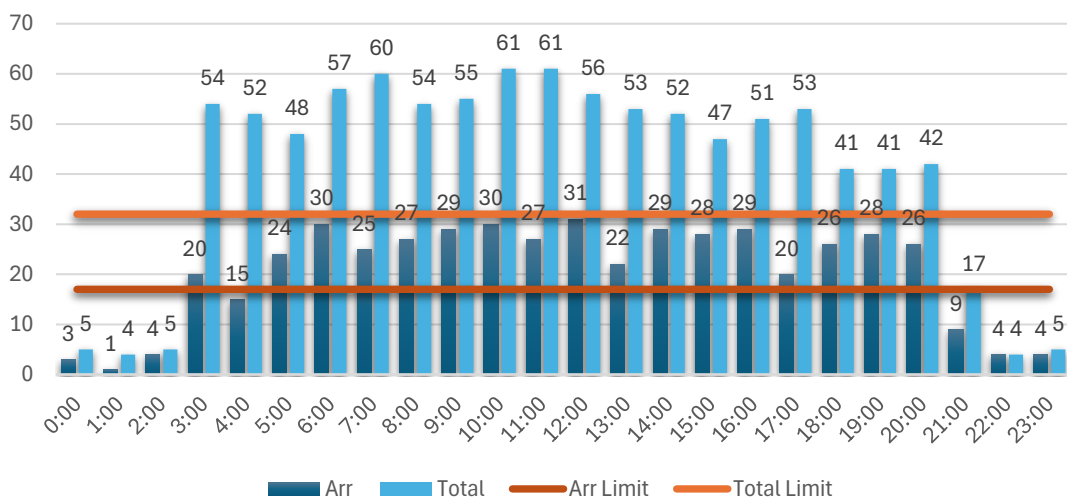
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