

Highlights of State Regulatory Support Measures*

Form of measures	Effect/Implication	Constraint/Caution
a) Temporary suspension of airport slot allocation rules	Provide flexibility for airlines to plan and adjust schedules with appropriate levels to respond to market conditions and changing demand projections.	Decision on the timing of re-commencing or extending suspension of slot allocation rules requires assessment of the changing situation and all-round consideration.
b) Temporary alleviation of regulatory restrictions to air cargo operations	Ensure the sustainability of supply chains, prevent shortages of essential goods, and help reduce additional costs incurred for air cargo operations.	Operational flexibilities should be in line with State's overall risk management strategy, and be proportionate and limited in time; abusing of dominant position should be prohibited.
c) Temporary exemption from competition laws	Allow airlines to coordinate routes and flight schedules through cooperative arrangements to help maintain transportation services under exceptional circumstance.	Exemptions should be temporary and be granted when deemed necessary; effective oversight is required to pre-empt potential negative impact on end-users.
d) Relaxation of restrictions on market and capital access	Provide assurance of essential air connectivity, widen the available pool of investment capitals, and allow more efficient use and allocation of capital and capacity.	Necessary link between the airline and the designating State should be preserved while regulatory controls and oversight should be strengthened.

* Refer to the *Guidance on Economic and Financial Measures* for more details.