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Fachbereich 3: Wirtschaft und Recht Business and Law



# Air Traffic Politics Chapters



- 1. Warsaw Agreement
- 2. Montreal Agreement
- 3. Chicago Convention
- 4. Bilateral Agreements
- 5. European Air Traffic Policy





- → Signed in 1929
- WA is the first multilateral agreement (between nations) on traffic rights !



→ Valid for all international transport of passengers, baggage and cargo (except mail!) transported for a fee as well as for transport with air foil (hovercraft since 1924)





- WA focuses on:
  - Liability of the operator for accidents
  - Institutionalisation of compensation for accidents regarding passengers
  - Standardisation of traffic rights for undersigned states













→ For the application of the WA a "contract made by the parties" is necessary (e.g. Ticket). For crew members on duty the WA is not applicable.

- → The liability of the operator is limited to 125.000 Poincaré Francs (1 PCF equivalent to 65,5 milligrams gold 900/1000). Liability covers:
  - injuries, death or damage to health of traveller
  - damage or loss of baggage and contents



✓ "damage" to the traveller / cargo due to delay





→ The Hague Protocol

Extension of WA, 110 states ratified the protocol in 1955

- doubling the liability to a limited sum:

for traveller of 250.000 P. Francs for baggage or goods to 250 P. Francs/kg for goods carried on body to 5.000 P. Francs

- transferring the burden of proof from injured party to party that caused the damage





- Liability of operator is only given if accident occurs on board of aircraft or during embarkation or disembarkation.
- No liability of operator if he can prove that he undertook all necessary measures to avoid an accident or that measures couldn't apply.



Unlimited liability if operator is proved to have acted intentionally or was negligent





→ Guadalajara Agreement (1961)

Liability of operator is extended to the carrying out operator (e.g. Travel Agent -> Airline).

- → Guatemala-City Protocol (1971)
- Liability for travellers increased to 1,5 Mio P. Francs
- Liability for baggage and goods set at 15.000 P. Francs
- No unlimited liability of operator even if to blame
- The burden of the operator is no longer a prerequisite for compensation





### *Air Traffic Politics Montreal Agreement*

 Agreement between the former U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) and the IATA operators (Civil Law Agreement)



The USA <u>never</u> ratified The Hague Protocol. In fact in 1965 the US terminated the WA for a short period of time.

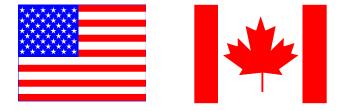
In principle The Hague Protocol was then accepted, with the following variation ->MA:





# Air Traffic Politics Montreal Agreement

Valid for USA and Canada:



The liability for death, injury or damage to health of travellers for transportation to/from USA and Canada is limited to

75.000 US\$ with legal cost 58.000 US\$ without legal cost



The burden of the operator is no longer a prerequisite for compensation





- International Air Traffic begun in the 1920's
- During Word War II an international air traffic net had evolved and regulatory deficiencies were identified:
  - What are the prerequisites needed for border crossing air traffic?
  - Which technical standards have to be followed?



Which measures may avoid legal and economical conflicts for air transportation?





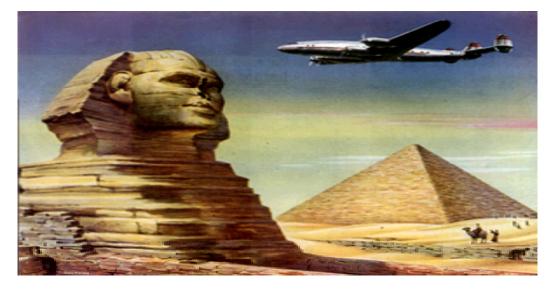
Consequently, upon invitation of the USA a conference took place in Chicago in December 1944 in order to set the basis for international air transportation.







The Chicago Convention on international air traffic is the most important source for international air traffic rights and public air traffic laws.



The first 5 Freedoms of the air were defined by the US Transit Rights (Freedoms 1-2), Transport Rights (3-8)

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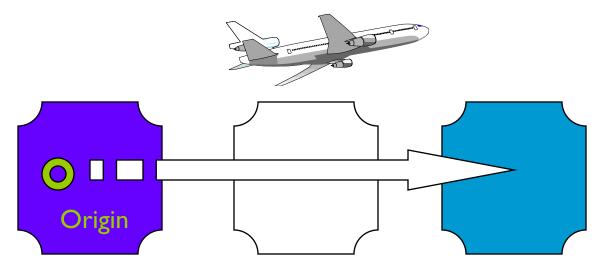


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### 1. Freedom "Right of innocent passage"

A civil aircraft of a treaty partner has the right to overfly a treaty partner's territory en route to a third country, without landing, providing the over flown country is notified in advance and approval is given (approval is usually pro forma).



Example: Flights between Canada and Mexico overfly the USA knut.walther@gmx.netl 2023, Januaryl Page 15 Fachbereich 3: Wirtschaft und Recht

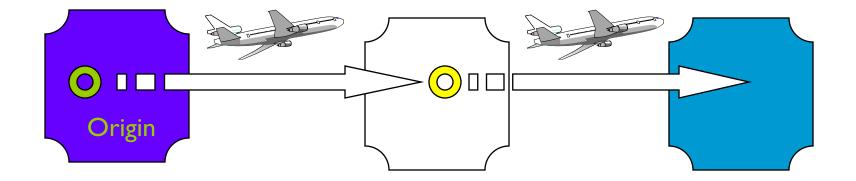
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### 2. Freedom "Technical Stop"

A civil aircraft of a treaty partner has the privilege to make a technical landing (refueling or maintenance) in a treaty partner's territory, without picking up or letting off revenue traffic.



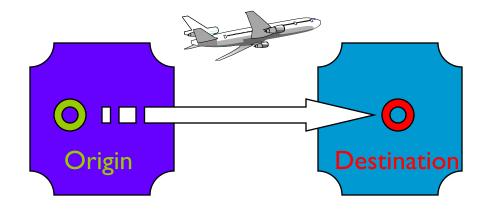
Example: Before the availability of long-range aircraft, Shanon and the Azores were often used as technical stops on transatlantic routes





### 3. Freedom

A civil aircraft of a treaty partner has the privilege to carry revenue traffic from the carrier's national territory to a treaty partner's territory.



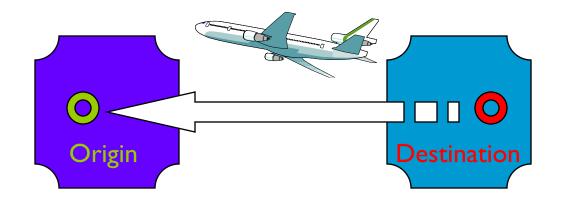
#### **Example: Olympic Airways Flight form Athens to Frankfurt**





### 4. Freedom

A civil aircraft of a treaty partner has the privilege to carry revenue traffic from a treaty partner's territory to a carrier's national territory.



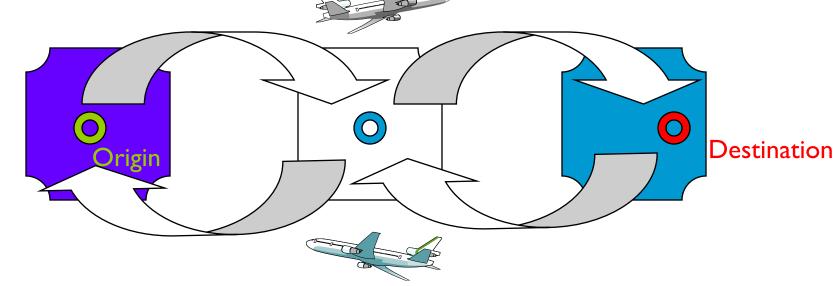
#### **Example: Olympic Airways Flight form Frankfurt to Athens**





### 5. Freedom

A civil aircraft of a treaty partner has the privilege to carry revenue traffic between two or more treaty partner nations on flights operating out of or into a carrier's national territory.



#### **Example:**

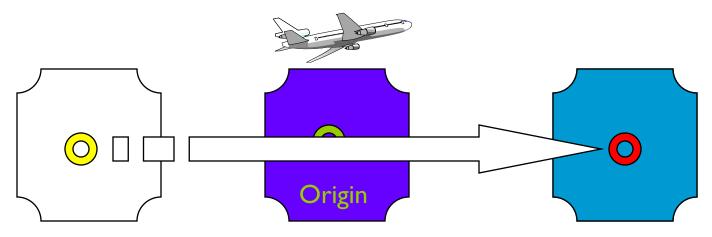
#### Qantas Flight from Sidney via Bangkok to Frankfurt and vice versa

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### 6. Freedom (Not Chicago Convention)

A civil aircraft of a treaty partner has the privilege to carry revenue traffic flown between two treaty partners operating through a carrier's territory.



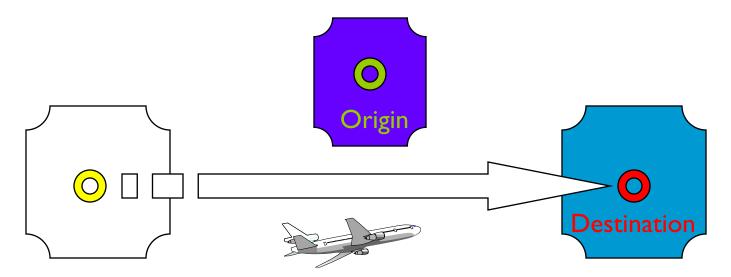
#### **Example: Lufthansa Flight from France to Poland**





### 7. Freedom (Not Chicago Convention)

A civil aircraft of one country has the right to offer any commercial service between two contracting countries.



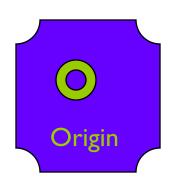
#### **Example:** Lufthansa Flight from Munich-Bologna-Neaple

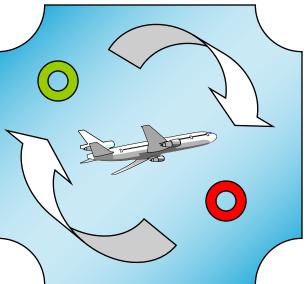




### 8. Freedom "Cabotage" (Not Chicago Convention)

A civil aircraft of a treaty partner has the privilege to carry a treaty partner's domestic revenue traffic.





#### Example: PAN AM Flight from Frankfurt to Berlin





### ✤ 1. Sovereignty

Each contract state has full sovereignty within his airspace

- A Section 2. Fair and equal opportunity
   Each contract state has the right to participate in international air traffic
- 3. No Discrimination

Each contract state must accept the national regulations of the other contract states

### ✤ 4. Autonomy

Each contract state is free to choose the airlines, which are going to provide international air traffic





# *Air Traffic Politics Chicago Convention - Validity*

- The Chicago Convention refers only to <u>scheduled</u> <u>air traffic</u>:
  - ✓ Relates to more than one state
  - ✓ Is accessible to the public
  - ✓ Is performed on a regular base along fixed routes
  - ✓ Fixed destinations are defined
- Meanwhile the character of non-scheduled air traffic aligns more and more to scheduled traffic



# Air Traffic Politics Chicago Convention - Results

✤ Most important results are:



- ⇒ Founding of ICAO
- ⇒ Harmonisation of navigation rules and procedures
- ICAO as a forum for international know-transfer and framework for international air traffic
- Forms the frame for bilateral agreements based on general principles
- → However:

### ⇒ Weakness in the formulation of the economical standards





# *Air Traffic Politics Bilateral Agreement*



Based on the acceptance of the sovereignty of each individual state (§ 1 CC) a bilateral agreement has to be signed in order to provide the prerequisites for air traffic between these states.

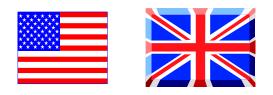
Bilateral agreements formulate the (traffic) rights and responsibilities of the individual partners, detail tariffs, taxes, fees, statistics, frequencies of services, type and amount of services offered as well as contractual items.





# *Air Traffic Politics Bilateral Agreement*

→ Bermuda Agreement



- The best known bilateral agreement was signed between the USA and United Kingdom in 1946. It represents an example for all following bilateral agreements. The parties agreed:
  - No general capacity restriction for traffic concerning 3rd and 4th Freedom (CC)
  - ⇒ Principle concept of fair and equal opportunity
  - ⇒ 5th Freedom is handled very generously
  - ⇒ Tariff structure formulation handed over to IATA
  - ⇒ Approval of tariff structure by governments involved





# *Air Traffic Politics Bilateral Agreement*

- → Bermuda 2 Agreement
- The Bermuda agreement was terminated in 1976 by the UK. In 1977 the Bermuda 2 Agreement was negotiated and signed.
- Even though Bermuda 2 caused disagreement during the negotiations the agreement was finally signed. Most important results:
  - <sup>↑</sup> UK: Safeguard of reciprocation on non-stop-flights and monopoly for flights to /from Manchester

     <sup>↓</sup> US: Restricted on 5th Freedom and capacity controlled;





- In the beginning European Air Traffic was regulated and based on bilateral agreements
- Until the mid 80's there was near to no common European Air Traffic Policy. Especially the requirement of the European Community Contract to provide free market in air traffic was not efficiently realised
- However the results of the US-Deregulation Act of 1978 were carefully observed and evaluated





- Especially the negative impacts of
  - ⇒ the loss of 50.000 jobs in airlines
  - ⇒ the loss of air traffic links to 50 towns within 6 months
  - ⇒ the increase of fares on second level traffic links
  - ⇒ the high number of bankruptcies
  - ⇒ the total decrease of yields

led EU to the conclusion that simple adoption of the US model would have been a disaster for European Air Traffic.





- Based on the US-experience the EU-Commission published guidelines and ideas in two memorandums (July 1979, March 1982) for the further development of European Air Traffic.
  - **Objectives:**
  - Avoid the deficiencies of the US Deregulation
  - Benefit from deregulation in principle
  - Market opening

### LIBERALISATION of European Air Traffic







01.01.1988 - First Phase of Liberalisation

01.01.1991 - Second Phase of Liberalisation

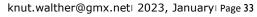
### 01.01.1993 - Third Phase of Liberalisation





01.01.1988 - First Phase of Liberalisation

- In December 1987, the EU Ministers council decided the following measures:
- Capacity Split on European Routes
   max. 55% / 45% (Since 01.01.89: 50% / 40%)
- → Access to air traffic market
  - multiple designations concerning traffic rights with more than 250.000 Pax/a (1988), 180.000 Pax/a (1990);
  - simplified access to market for regional air traffic between category I airports and regional airports in neighbouring countries







01.01.1988 - First Phase of Liberalisation

### Tariff Structures

 More flexible for reductions and discounts However, tariffs need special approval and are linked to a number of restrictions and conditions

### Arrangements and agreed actions

- between airlines were accepted to a certain degree, despite the tendency to deregulate
- Existing airline co-operations should continue to exist





01.01.1991 - Second Phase of Liberalisation

- In July 1990, the EU Ministers council decided the following measures:
- Capacity Split on European Routes
   max. 67,5% / 32,5%
- → Access to air traffic market
  - lower limits for multiple designations concerning traffic rights with 100.000 Pax/a respectively 600 flights;
  - simplified access to market: new line services between all category I airports allowed. For regional air traffic capacity split was not applied to aircraft under 80 Pax



01.01.1991 - Second Phase of Liberalisation

### → Tariff Structures

- still subject to approval
- 3 flexible tariff zones defined: economy (95-105%), discount (6-21%) and deep discount (21-70%)
- ✤ For the Arrangements and agreed actions
  - between airlines the acceptance time was extended until December 31,1992





### *Air Traffic Politics European Air Traffic Policy*

01.01.1993 - Third Phase of Liberalisation

- In July 1992, the EU Ministers council decided the following measures:
- Compulsory Operations License for each operator, issued only if defined requirements are fulfilled
- → Access to air traffic market
  - is in general open to all airlines, provided that the individual route is subjected only to limited restriction





### *Air Traffic Politics European Air Traffic Policy*

01.01.1993 - Third Phase of Liberalisation

- Tariffs and cargo rates may be agreed independently between the contract partners. Intervention on pricing only to be expected if extreme "disadvantages for PAX" or "losses to operators" are to be expected.
- For the Arrangements and agreed actions further extension of validity was decided except for certain components (e.g. capacity related agreements or pool-agreements)





### *Air Traffic Politics European Air Traffic Policy*

Liberalisation of Ground Handling

In the course of the EU-Liberalisation Policy, the liberalisation of Ground Handling at EU-Airports was implemented. The aim was to remove the monopoly of airport operators. On October 15, 1996 the EU release the directive 96/67 to allow

- ⇒ self handling at airports with more than 1 million Pax or 25.000 t of cargo (starting 01.01.1998)
- ⇒ third party handling at airports with more than 3 million Pax or 75.000 t of cargo (starting 01.01.1999)

⇒ third party handling at airports with more than 2 million Pax or 50.000 t of cargo (starting 01.01.2001)

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### *Air Traffic Politics Open Skies Agreement*

**Open skies** is an international policy concept that calls for the liberalization of the rules and regulations of the international aviation industry - especially commercial aviation - in order to create a free-market environment for the airline industry. Its primary objectives are:

- liberalize the rules for international aviation markets and minimize government intervention as it applies to passenger, all-cargo, and combination air transportation as well as scheduled and charter services; and
- to adjust the regime under which military and other state-based flights may be permitted.

For **open skies** to become effective, a bilateral (and sometimes multilateral) Air Transport Agreement must be concluded between two or more nations.





### *Air Traffic Politics Open Skies Agreement*

The EU–US Open Skies Agreement is an open skies air transport agreement between the European Union and the United States. The agreement allows any airline of the European Union and any airline of the United States to fly between any point in the European Union and any point in the United States. Airlines of the United States are also allowed to fly between points in the European Union. Airlines of the European Union are also allowed to fly between the United States and non-EU countries like Switzerland. The treaty disappointed European airlines as it was tilted in favor of United States airlines: while they are allowed to operate intra-EU flights, European airlines are not permitted to operate intra-US flights nor are they allowed to purchase a controlling stake in a US operator. The Agreement replaced and superseded previous open skies agreements between the US and individual European countries.

The initial agreement was signed in Washington D.C., on April 30, 2007. The agreement became effective March 30, 2008. Phase two was signed in June 2010





*Air Traffic Politics Traffic Organisations* 

## ICAO & IATA (Planning Basics)



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## International Civil Aviation Organisation – ICAO

### ICAO Annex 14 - AERODROMES Contents & Examples



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Founded on December 7, 1944 in Chicago

By Invitation of the Government of the United States of America, 52 States met in order to establish a basic legal framework for the operation of international civil air services.

Specialised agency of the United Nations

185 countries are members of ICAO in 1998

Headquarters in Montreal

Governing Bodies:

Assembly, Council, Secretariat /Commissions





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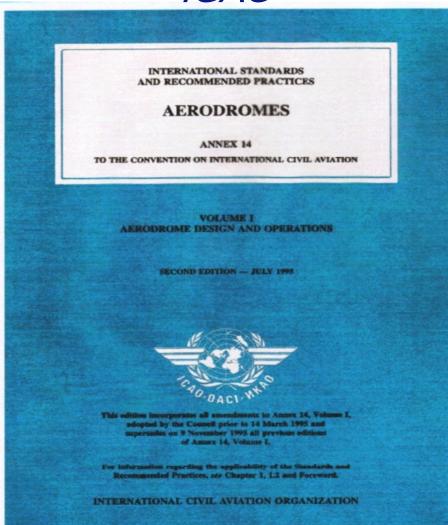


### Air Traffic Politics ICAO Annexes

Annex	1	Personnel Licensing	Annex 10	Aeronautical Telecommunication	
Annex	2	Rules of the Air	Annex 11	Air Traffic Services	
Annex	3	Meteorology	Annex 12	Search and Rescue	
Annex	4	Aeronautical Charts	Annex 13	Aircraft Accident Inquiry	
Annex	5	Units of Measurement to be used in Air-Ground Communication	Annex 14	Aerodromes	
			Annex 15	Aeronautical Information Service	
Annex	6	Operation of Aircraft	Annex 16	Aircraft Noise	
Annex	-	Aircraft Nationality and	Annex 17	Security	
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Annex	8	Airworthiness of Aircraft		Dangerous Goods by Air	
Annex	9	Facilitation	Annex 19:	Safety Management	







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#### Example: Aerodrome Reference Code

Code	Aeroplane reference	Code		Outer main gear
number	field length	letter	Wing span	wheel span
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Less than 800 m	Α	Up to but not	Up to but not
			including 15 m	including 4,5 m
2	800 m up to but not	В	15 m up to but not	
	including 1.200 m		including 24 m	including 6 m
3	1.200 m up to but not	С	24 m up to but not	6 m up to but not
	including 1.800 m		including 36 m	including 9 m
4	1.800 m up to and over	D	36 m up to but not	9 m up to but not
			including 52 m	including 14 m
		E	52 m up to but not	9 m up to but not
			including 65 m	including 14 m





#### Example: ICAO All-Weather Categories I-III

Category	Minimum Visual Range				Decision Height	
	Visibility		RVR		H (Cloud Ceiling)	
CATI	≥ 800 m	≥ 2.500 ft	≥ 550 m	≥ 1830 ft	≥ 60 m	≥ 200 ft
CAT II			≥ 350 m	≥ 1.170ft	≥ 30 m and < 60 m	$\geq$ 100 ft and < 200 ft
CAT III A			≥ 200 m	≥ 665 ft	< 30 m or	< 100 ft or
					none	none
CAT III B			$\geq 50$ m and $< 200$ m	$\geq$ 166 ft and < 665 ft	< 15 m or	< 50 ft or
					none	none
CAT III C			none	none	none	none





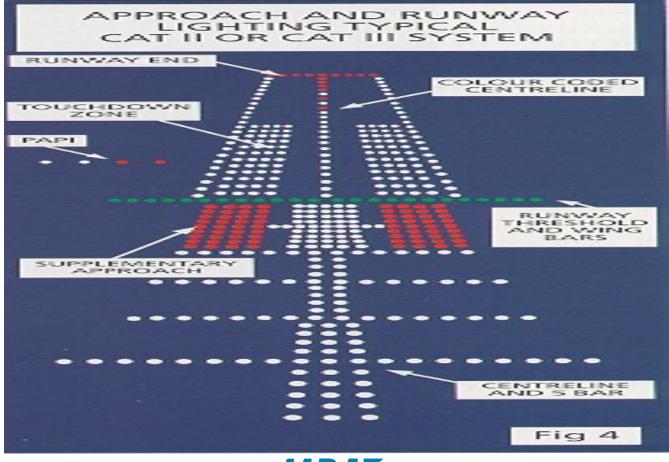
#### Air Traffic Politics ICAO Example: Approach Lighting System







#### Example: Approach Lighting System







Annex 14 related material

Related to the specification of Annex 14

→ Aerodrome Design Manual
 → Airport Planning Manual
 → Airport Service Manual
 → Airport Manual
 → Doc 9137
 → Heliport Manual
 → Stolport Manual
 → Stolport Manual
 → Stolport Manual
 → Stolport Manual
 → Surface Movements Guidance
 and Control Systems (SMGCS)





### International Air Transport Organisation – IATA

### IATA Terminal Reference Manual Contents & Examples



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#### Founded on 19 April, 1945 in Havana (old IATA 1919)

61 airlines adopted, with some amendments, the Articles of Association at the international Air Transport Operator's Conference proposed by the IATA Drafting Committee

Private, voluntary, non-political and democratic body of commercial airline companies

Headquarters in Montreal



Governing Bodies:

General Assembly, Executive Committees, Conferences, Clearing House



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### *Air Traffic Politics IATA Airport Terminal Reference Manual*

Purpose:

Assist Airport and Government Authorities, Architects, Designers, Consultants and Airlines in planning the international airport terminal complex

Terminal complex:

Assumed to include both passenger and cargo terminal buildings, as well as adjacent airside and landside areas with their associated facilities





### Airport Development Reference Manual

Level of Service LOS:

A verbal description of Quality of Service in terms of Ease of Flow and Delays

6 categories (IATA Airport Development Manual):

LOS	Flows	Delays	Comfort
A - Excellent	Free	None	Excellent
B - High	Stable	Very Few High	
C - Good	Stable	Acceptable	Good
D - Adequate	Unstable	Passable	Adequate
E - Inadequate	Unstable	Unacceptable	Inadequate
F - Unacceptable	System Breakdow	/n Unacce	eptable

#### System Managers should Specify LOS,

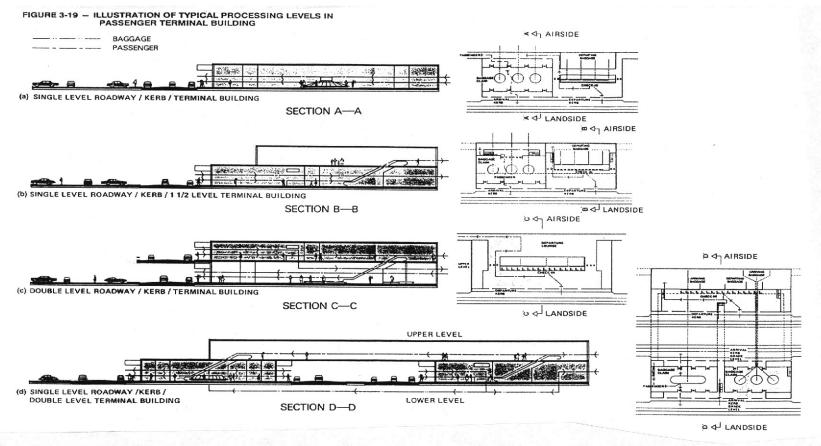
e.g: Level C = standard minimum ; Level D = for crush periods

Source: De Neufville, : http://ardent.mit.edu/airports/ASP\_current\_lectures/ASP%2004/Defining\_Capacity04.pdf





### *Air Traffic Politics IATA* Example: Passenger Terminal Building







### Thanks for your attention!





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