TOBT – Target Off-Block Time

The TOBT is the target time at which the turnaround process except for pushback and remote de-icing will be finished. It is equivalent to the Aircraft Ready Time (ARDT). Moreover, the TOBT and the local as well as the network restrictions yield in the pre-departure sequencing.

The responsibility to take care of the TOBT (update, deletion and new input after deletion) belongs to the aircraft operator (AO). The AO may name an executing unit (i.e. the handling agent) to take care of the TOBT. The responsibility has to be determined clearly.

TOBT Maintenance

After completion of milestone 1 (flight plan data coherency check) the unit responsible for the TOBT may insert a TOBT. At milestone 4 („Twelve Minutes OUT“ – TMO) a TOBT will be generated automatically for all flights. This TOBT will be published earliest 90 minutes before TOBT as far as no manual TOBT is set. For flights with an extended ground time (e.g. aircraft night stop) the EOBT is published as a TOBT 90 minutes before the Estimated Off-Block Time.

40 minutes before TOBT a TSAT (Target Start-up Approval Time) will be generated and published. Until that time, the TOBT can be adjusted as often as necessary, afterwards it can only be corrected three times. Amendments of the TOBT need to differ +/- 5 minutes from actual time set. If the TOBT cannot be met and a revised TOBT is not known, it has to be deleted. As soon as a new TOBT is known, it has to be entered.

TOBT Responsibility

The unit responsible for the TOBT, handling agent, aircraft operator (for flights without handling agent), Pilot-in-command (for general aviation flights without handling agent) is accountable for the correctness and adherence to the TOBT. If the TOBT cannot be met, it has to be revised or deleted by the responsible unit as early as possible. A TOBT which is not up to date leads to disadvantages for pre-departure sequencing and/or CTOT allocation for regulated flights. The TOBT is displayed and can be modified in a web-based tool (CaeSAr-Web).