

Airline DCS Change Process Flow

Timescale

Day 1

Day 14

Day 18

Day 22

Day 24

Day 27

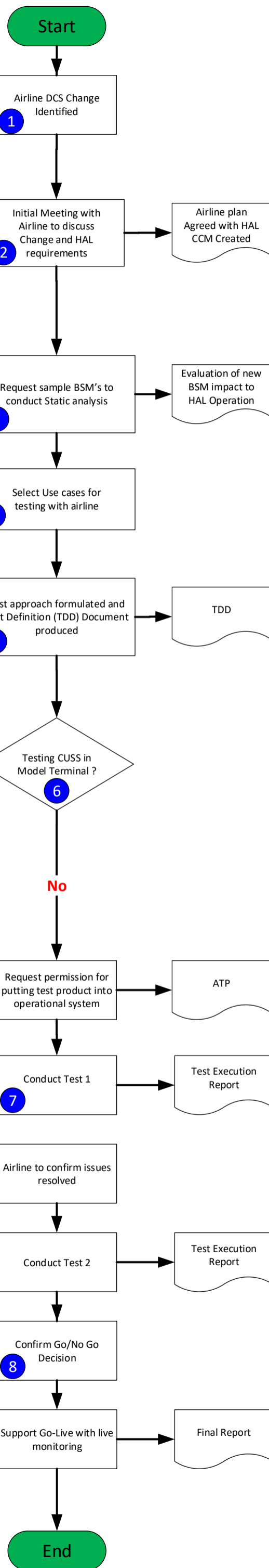
Day 36

Day 46

Day 56

Day 66

Day 76



1 It is recommended as soon as an airline is aware of a need to make a significant change to their DCS they make Heathrow aware, as a minimum at least **90 days before the go-live**.
This will enable a joint plan to be developed in order for a successful change to be carried out

2 Initial meeting is held with key stakeholders, including airline, handler and HAL Operations. Items to consider are **timescales, risks, issues and contingencies**. Standardised questionnaire is completed to determine the extent of change and the potential risk it may pose to airline and airport operation. This will then enable a test approach to be established. Ensure a **Firewall change request** is submitted if required.

3 Key DCS Interactions will result in baggage service messages (BSM's), these can be analysed before any changes are made to understand potential issues

4 All use cases (type of Pax's & Bag Types) are based on standard operations
- **Departures and Arriving Process**
- **Transferring process**

5 The following will be required to be in place to complete successful testing.
- **Test flights required** - **Common Use Equipment - ARINC**
- **Test Passports required** - **IDAHO**
- **Test bag requirements** - **Bag logistics requested**
These will be incorporated into the TDD which is produced detailing the test objectives, approach and airline requirements. A two test approach is adopted with a week in between the tests to allow resolution time

6 CUSS Testing approach

7 Testing carried out using the TDD and use cases are based on standard airline operations to replicate 'live' operations. Testing is carried out during the operational day as close as to the airlines operation times.
- **Departures**
- **Check-in**
- **Security – Automated ticket presentation (ATP)**
- **Gate Operations**
- **Transferring process**
- **Arriving Process**
- **Baggage Handling/Messages**

8 Ahead of 'go-live' a go/no-go decision meeting is held with all stakeholders. Change progress is checked and results of testing evaluated with the airline, handler and HAL Operations. On successful achievement of a GO decision. The airlines operation under the new DCS is monitored and any issues managed between the airline and HAL Operations to safeguard the operations. Final report captured and issued with any remaining action plans identified.