

INFORMATION TO ALL CUSTOMERS

“Coordination & Monitoring of W20 season – Regulation 2020/459 of the European Union published 31st March 2020

Regulation 2020/459 of the European Union published on 31st March 2020 is the legal base for the so called “waiver of the 80/20 rule” of the EU-Slot Regulation 95/93. It is the intention and political will of the European Union to extend this Regulation.

EUACA, IATA and ACI found a common understanding of certain conditions required to enable a smooth, neutral, transparent and fair extension of the “waiver” and informed the responsible offices at DG Move as the competent aviation authority for the European Union. We do hope that the European Union will extend the “waiver” for the full W20-season in a timely manner.

SCA will consider W20 slot-series held as per on 31AUG20 (the Historics Baseline Date) as historic, which are based on historic rights resulting from W19-season.

Airlines must hand back slots not intended for utilization as soon as possible, but not later than three (3) weeks prior the planned operation for these slots to be considered as operated in the context of the waiver.

All those slots cancelled less than 3 weeks before the date of operation will be considered as being operated should the circumstances be outside the airline’s control and related to the crises. Requests for alleviation on this base should be submitted to SCA as prompt as possible for consideration by SCA.

Airlines stopping or suspending its operation should immediately return the slots allocated to it for W20 to the slot pool for reallocation.

All slot-series submitted for W20 with Historic Status Code -N-, -Y-, -B- or -V-, or requested newly after initial coordination will NOT be considered as falling under the “Slot Waiver”, i.e. they will not automatically become historic irrespective of being operated or not. Those “new” series will have to meet the regular 80/20 conditions.

We will inform each airline, which slots will not fall under the waiver-regulation for W20, as soon as we have finalized the Baseline for W20/VIE and W20/INN (D6/7only).

What does that mean for W20-season (VIE and INN D6/7)?

SCA shall with respect to the 80/20 rule consider all historic slots allocated during W20-season (25OCT-27MAR) as having been operated by the air carrier to which they had initially been allocated (at HBD).

All “new” slot-series will also get a Baseline, but will be monitored based on the regular 80/20-rule.

Please note that returning slots as soon as possible (this is, immediately once the decision is made not to use a respective slot) is also in the highest interest of other parties in the sector, such as Airports, Air Navigation Service Providers, handling agents, etc.

Slot (re-)allocation and Waitlist for W20:

Due to the fact that cancellations of slots are done as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak with historic rights being covered by the proposed EC waiver for the entire W20 season, after HBD newly requested slots and time changes are handled on an ad hoc basis and are therefore not eligible for historic rights automatically.

Please update your required timings regularly, as we will make waitlist-checks continuously as soon as capacity becomes available.

As soon as SCA receives formal information about the possible changes of the "waiver-regulation" of the European Union we will keep out informed

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