

## INFORMATION TO ALL CUSTOMERS

### “EC-Waiver - Outbreak of COVID-19”

#### **Implementation of Regulation 2020/459 amending Regulation 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports.**

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, an amendment of the EEC- Slot Regulation 95/93 came into force (EEC No 2020/459) concerning a waiver of the 80/20 “use it or lose it” rule in response to the “COVID-19” outbreak.

#### **What does that mean for W19-season (VIE and INN D6/7)?**

SCA shall (with respect to the 80/20 rule) consider all slots allocated for the period as from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as having been operated by the air carrier to which they had initially been allocated (at HBD). For all flights from/to China or Hongkong this waiver is valid as from January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

#### **What does that mean for S20-season (VIE and INN D6/7)?**

SCA shall with respect to the 80/20 rule consider all slots allocated during S20-season (29MAR-24OCT) as having been operated by the air carrier to which they had initially been allocated (at HBD).

#### **Cancellation of slots**

Airlines must return all slots which they do not intend to use immediately once the decision is made not to use a respective slot.

Retroactively cancelled slots (after date/time of operation) are considered as not operated (no show) and are excluded from the EC waiver.

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 S20:**

Due to the current closure of a number of gates and the increased demand of parking stands, VIE has limited its capacity significantly until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at the moment. Cancelled slots will be returned to the slot pool for reallocation, with respect to the coordination parameters of the current capacity declaration.

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 S20 season, newly requested slots and time changes are handled on an ad hoc basis and are therefore not eligible for historic rights.

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

In addition we would like to draw your attention to the Guidance of EUACA on the issue which is also published on the SCA-Homepage.

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