

MEMO



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## Introduction

The European Union is currently discussing a proposal from the European Commission, amended by the Council Presidency, to adopt a revised EU Slot Regulation which would apply for IATA Northern Summer season S21. The proposal is not yet in force. On January 28, 2021, Airport Coordination Netherlands (ACNL) [published](#) the “preliminary guidance for carriers and coordinators: slot usage at airports under the amended EU Slot Regulation, Summer 2021”, issued by the European Airport Coordinators Association (EUACA).

With this memo ACNL briefly informs airlines with allocated slots at the Dutch coordinated airports about the next steps in order to support airlines as best as possible.

## Next steps

The amended EU Slot Regulation will come into force after publication in the Official Journal (OJ) of the European Union.

### *I. Before publication in the OJ*

Until further notice, the existing EU Slot Regulation remains in force. Airlines which would like to use the amended conditions should return slots to ACNL after publication in the OJ. The alleviation of slot returns before publication in the OJ will be granted only after (if) publication in the OJ.

### *II. After publication in the OJ*

1. Shortly after publication in the OJ, ACNL will provide carriers with the total of slots held at the S21 SHL that will determine the number of slots for which alleviation can be requested. This information will also determine carriers that held less than 29 slots a week on average and are permitted to return 100% of slots and request alleviation.
2. It is the intention of ACNL to publish an updated version of the “Q&A – EC Waiver Outbreak of SARS-CoV-2” and “Working Procedure Slot Allocation S21” timely after publication in the OJ.
3. At the EU Return Date (ERD), ACNL will confirm the total number of full series slots returned. If carriers meet the conditions of the EU Slot Regulation, alleviation will be granted. Should the cancellations be greater than those permitted, ACNL will contact the airline to determine which flights will not be granted alleviation and will need to be operated to achieve historic entitlement. If ACNL is not able to contact the airline, ACNL will use its discretion as to which flights will need to be operated to retain the historic entitlement.