



IATA S21 JNUS / Force Majeure assessment ACNL.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have impact on the aviation industry. Restrictions as set by Member States may result in having no other choice than to cancel operations.

How does ACNL assess JNUS/FM requests applying provisions pursuant to the Slot Regulation as amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/250?

ACNL uses the information from its Member State website¹ as a guidance for validation of COVID-19 restrictions for JNUS/FM requests.

In case of the following colour codes as published by the member state ACNL will follow up and has the following guidelines.

Code orange or red - Travel bans or restrictions in place for one or both ends of the route. “Force Majeure” cancellations can be accepted on a 6 weeks rolling base.

Code green or yellow - No travel bans or restrictions in place for one or both ends of the route. No FM applicable based on quarantine or travel restrictions after 6 weeks of restriction end date (downgrade from red/orange to yellow or green), which is considered the recovery phase.

JNUS/FM requests will be assessed by ACNL case by case based on supplied information by the airline.

In case the airline proves restrictions set by the government are in place on the other end of the route the 6 weeks recovery phase will be applied to the end date of these restrictions. In the case proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test replaces the requirement of quarantine, JNUS/FM will no longer be applicable as of 6 weeks after the date that was announced by the government lifting these quarantine restrictions.

In order to verify JNUS/FM requests the airline is required to address the JNUS/FM reason of HBD reference slot cancellations and provide proving documentation supporting the JNUS/FM request to monitoring@slotcoordination.nl

Further information can be found on [ACNL's Q&A](#) and [guidance for force majeure requests](#).

¹ Member State website which is updated regularly

<https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/documenten/vragen-en-antwoorden/welke-landen-hebben-welke-keurcode> (page in Dutch only)

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