



Dear airlines and airport colleagues,

The uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact public health worldwide and Member States authorities continue to apply, on a wide scale, restrictive measures aimed at protecting public health.

Unfortunately, the precise measures differ between Member States. These differences hamper a uniform application of the JNUS provisions pursuant to the Slot Regulation as amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/250, which creates uncertainty for the aviation industry.

Based on a communication between EC DG-MOVE and the EUACA Board, it was agreed that:

- Under the current circumstances it is desirable to ensure the uniform interpretation and application of the amended Slot Regulation and to ensure that airport capacity is used efficiently.
- Although the precise measures differ between Member States, taken as a whole, they significantly impact the viability or possibility to travel and/or the demand for air travel, and constitute a severe impediment to passengers' ability to travel within the meaning of the amended Slot Regulation, especially for cross-border travel. It appears reasonable not to expect a significant change in this situation until **23 April 2021** at least. Additionally, 6 weeks "recovery period" should be granted, i.e., until **04 June 2021** at least.
- Where restrictions are in place with no end-date or a later end-date than 23 April 2021, JNUS will be accepted until the respective end date (Art. 10 para. 4.e Slot Reg) and additionally a "recovery period" of up to 6 weeks will be granted. Thus, in such case, JNUS and "recovery period" may be granted for a period beyond 04 June 2021.
- With regard to domestic flights, both ends of the route are within the jurisdiction of the same slot coordinator and sanitary measures may differ for domestic flights, it is reasonable for the slot coordinators to take a different approach based on the local circumstances.

For the time after the currently granted recovery period (i.e. 04 June at the earliest) coordinators will continue to monitor the situation and the restrictions in place and will continue to reasonably apply the JNUS provisions under the amended Slot Regulation.

EUACA Board of Directors issued a recommendation to all members of EUACA to work according to this common understanding and to grant JNUS (including "recovery period") for all cancellations of slots until at least **04 June 2021 included**.

Best Regards,

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Chairman