

EUACA requires airlines to cancel the slots they do not intend to operate in Summer 20

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The European Airport Coordinators Association acknowledges the decision of the EU Council and EU Parliament in the context of COVID-19 outbreak to amend the Slot Regulation (ECC95/93) in order to extend now until the end of Summer 2020 season the temporary waiver to the 80% usage of slots that was originally proposed by the European Commission until the end of June.

Coordinators will then consider all airport slots **that are made available for reallocation, which means canceled in advance**, by air carriers during S20 as operated for the determination of carriers' historic precedence. This temporary waiver that was called for by the EUACA now gives the Airline Industry some certainty for its necessary schedules adjustments in this unprecedented situation.

The flight schedule data collected by airport coordinators and schedules facilitators in Europe are also broadly being used by other Industry Partners such as Airport Companies, Air Navigation Service Providers or Handling Agents to plan their own resources and staff in order to supply services to the airlines' passengers. **Therefore, airlines and all aircraft operators must coordinate all types of changes to their schedule as soon as such decisions are made, being cancellations, or any other changes to the flights such as aircraft type, service type, destination as they normally do with the relevant coordinator, schedule facilitator or data collection agent** to provide to other Industry Partners an accurate flight schedule.

Other Industry Partners need to trust EUACA Members' data to also adjust as a consequence their resources in this difficult period for the whole Aviation Industry. Flight schedules information distributed by EUACA members that can be trusted will also be paramount, hopefully soon, to ensure adequate resources will be made available by all parties concerned to accommodate the demand when the traffic will increase again.