Item 4 – Organisation of granting deployment window to EOs for Release 2 in the period until 1 July 2023

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Update for the transition from R1 to R2 strategy

- To make sure that the security and safety of the EU is maintained across the EU external border it is necessary to **have an additional element** of the coordinated and gradual approach for deployment of the ICS2 Release 2 described in the relevant transition strategy.

- **It is strongly recommended that EU and non-EU established air carriers and the Member States customs authorities implement transition to ICS2 Release 2 applying the following coordinated approach, depending on the specific scenario.**

Air carriers operating their direct flights from non-EU countries **only in the MS where their EORI is registered**

- If ready with their ICS2 Release 2 implementation, they **can connect** to ICS2 Release 2 and start ENS filing **on 1st March 2023**.

- Otherwise, they **must request a deployment window** in that Member State to connect to ICS2 Release 2 anytime between 1st March 2023 and 1st July 2023.

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Air carriers operating their direct flights from non-EU countries **to one or several MS that are connected to ICS2 R2**

- if ready with their ICS2 Release 2 implementation, they **can connect** to ICS2 Release 2 and start ENS filing **on 1st March 2023**.

- Otherwise, they **must request a deployment window** in the Member State of the EORI registration to connect to ICS2 Release 2 anytime between 1st March 2023 and 1st July 2023.

Air carriers operating direct flights from non-EU countries to several MSs of which **one, more or all MSs are subject to derogation**

- It is **strongly recommended** that these air carriers **request for a deployment window** from the Member State of EORI registration, **until the date when all affected Member States are connected to ICS2 Release 2, but at the latest until 1st July 2023**.

- The updated information about the plans of start of operation of the Member States can be consulted on the ICS2 Webpage.

- Please note: Economic Operators must request a deployment window even if they have their EORI registered in a Member State which is granted with derogation.

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Recommendation

- Each air carrier should assess their own situation of how they operate direct flights from third countries into the EU airports of entry and proceed depending on the scenario valid for it accordingly.

- Even if the air carrier is in a position to connect to ICS2 Release 2 between 1st March 2023 and 30th June 2023, it should make this careful assessment and it is recommended to adjust its plan of deployment based on the above scenarios.

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Process for air carriers granted with deployment window

- The air carriers that are granted with a deployment window, continue applying the current procedures of submitting Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) to ICS1 during the granted deployment window period.

Thank you

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