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The Commission is in contact with Member States, fuel suppliers, airlines and airports regarding the impacts of the war in Iran and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz on the sector, closely monitoring the situation.

The European Aviation Crisis Control Cell (EACCC) remains activated and is in contact with the air traffic aviation authorities of the region. Air traffic flows to Asia are diverted north (Türkiye, Caucasus, Central Asia corridor) and south (Egypt, Southern Saudi Arabia and Oman) of the conflict zone, these corridors continue to be monitored ahead of the summer traffic.

Regarding jet fuel availability, there are currently no jet fuel shortages in the EU. The Commission is, nonetheless, preparing for a possible case of supply shortages for jet fuels that could occur in the coming months. The Commission invited aviation industry representatives to meetings of the Oil Coordination Group, during which several requests, especially for better visibility of stocks, were made and then further detailed in letters from industry associations.

The Commission is assessing these requests and stands ready, in cooperation with Member States, to take the necessary action to safeguard the smooth functioning of the EU's internal aviation market and to help preserve essential air connectivity. In case that air routes which are essential for connectivity in the outermost regions were impacted, Member States can set-up emergency public services to maintain such routes, in line with the common rules for the operation of air services¹. They may also resort to social aid² for persons dependent on air routes for their connectivity needs to alleviate the pressure from the increase of ticket prices.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1008/oj/eng>.

² Complying with the conditions laid down in Article 51 of the EU General Block Exemption Regulation.