

FAQ n.19549**FAQs:**

Applicability, Third Country Operators (TCO), Regulations

Question:

I plan to fly from a non-EU departure airport to a non-EU destination airport and I intend to file a destination alternate airport in the territory of an EASA Member State. Can I do this without holding a TCO authorisation?

Answer:

Yes. An in-flight diversion may become necessary out of safety considerations on a flight that was initially intended to serve an aerodrome outside the EU. Such diversion that is performed in the interest of safety, would not constitute commercial air transport operation to an EU territory. Hence, third country operator may file an airport located in the territory of an EASA Member State as an alternate airport without holding a TCO authorisation.

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