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## 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. The selection and use of an aerodrome located in the territory subject to the provisions of the Treaties as an alternate aerodrome for the case of an in-flight diversion does not fall within the scope of TCO.100 and does not require a TCO authorisation. 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 (GM1 TCO.100).

After landing at the EU aerodrome, it is permissible for the aircraft to leave the EU to the planned destination or to any other aerodrome outside the EU with the passengers and/or cargo on board. The operator shall however not unload any cargo or passengers at the EU aerodrome and shall not take any additional payload on board.

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