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Major Project Notification

PURPOSE OF THIS FUNCTIONALITY

This document describes the different steps and action options at the level of the Commission for the Major Project Notification as described under Articles 102(1) and 103 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

CONCERNED FUNDS

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USER ROLES AND PERMISSIONS NEEDED

You are an identified user in SFC2014 and you have the role of **EC Operational Agent (ECOA)** with update access.

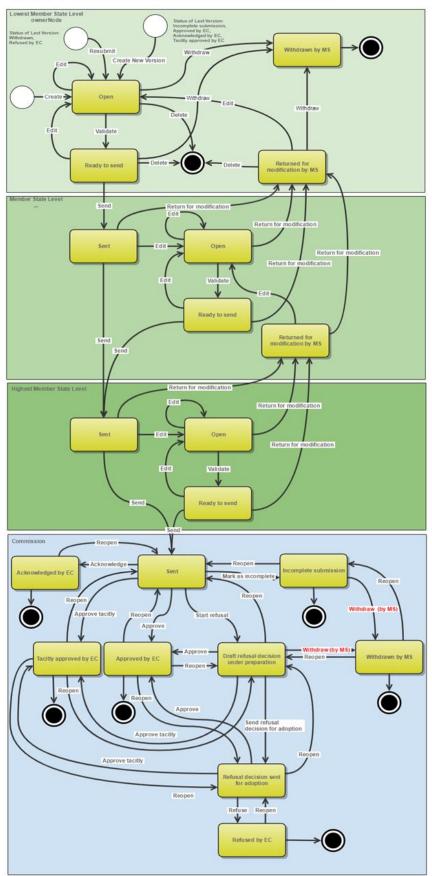
BEFORE YOU START, CHECK THAT...

The Major Project Notification has been sent to the Commission: The status is set to 'SENT'.

Workflow

This section shows the lifecycle to create and manage the Major Project Notification.

Major Project Notification State Diagram



Documents

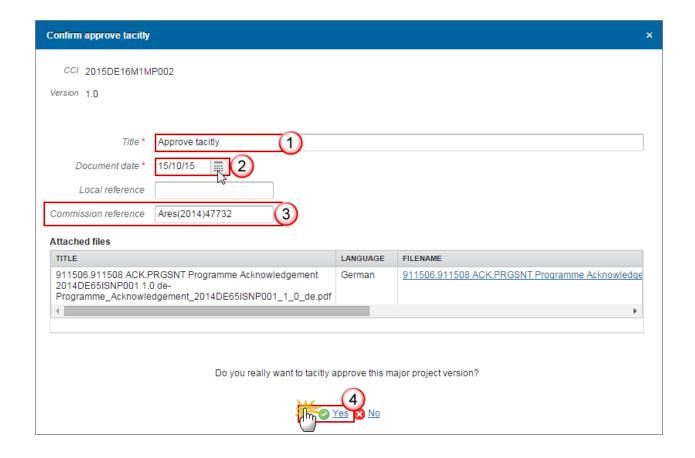
Document Types

The following document types will be foreseen:

Description	Internal Code	Direction	Integral	System	Required
EC incomplete submission letter	MP.INC	EC2MS	х		
EC approval letter	MP.APP	EC2MS	Х		
Other Commission Document	MP.OC	EC2MS			
Other Commission Internal Document	MP.OI	ECInternal			
Acknowledgment of Receipt	ACK.MPSNT	EC2MS		Х	Х
EC Acknowledgement Comments	MP.ACK	EC2MS	Х		

Uploading using Commission/ARES reference

As a Commission user you can <u>import your document directly from ARES to be uploaded in SFC2014</u> by entering the ARES reference number in the **Commission Reference** field (in the documents section). The ARES number will be immediately validated.



- 1. Enter the following information:
- (1) Enter the Title
- (2) Enter the Document Date
- (3) Enter the *Commission Reference* ARES number

The system will detect the document(s) from ARES

(4) Click Yes to confirm the action

If you get an "invalid ARES number" (the number cannot be found in ARES), check the ARES number has been entered correctly: <u>Ares(2017)+digits</u> with no space.

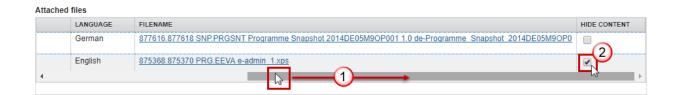
REMARK

If the ARES reference has been entered correctly, then check that the Document has been filed correctly in ARES.

If the problem persists, please provide us with the document ARES number, the 'type' of document you are trying to upload in SFC2014, and the CCI of the Programme. We can then verify if there is a problem with the registration.

Hiding Attachments Uploaded from ARES

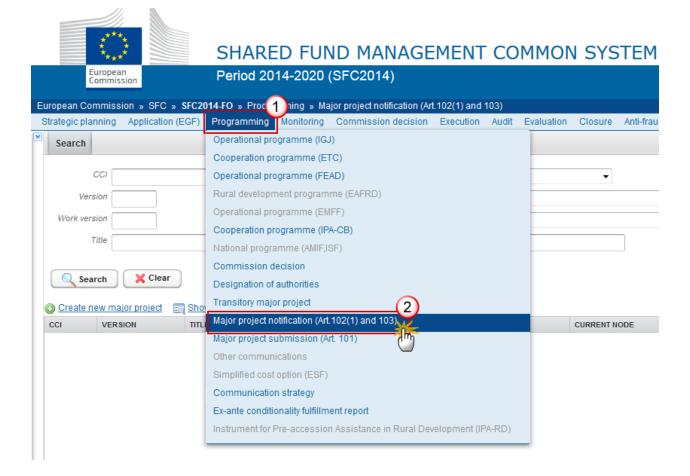
Attachments can also be hidden once the Commission Documents have been imported from ARES, so that the receiver will not be able to view them:



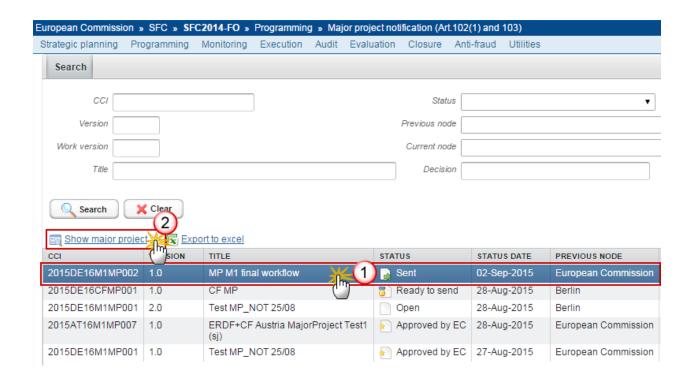
2. Scroll right (1) and select the HIDE CONTENT option (2) and click on Update (3) to hide the attached file

Action Options

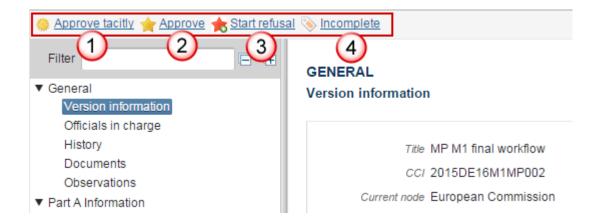
- 1. Login to https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sfc2014/frontoffice/ui
- 2. To access the Major Project Notification section, first click on the Programming option in the menu bar (1) and then on the Major Project Notification (Art. 102(1) and 103) menu item (2).



3. Choose the Major Project Notification version you want from the list in the search screen (1) and click on Show major project link (2)



A number of Action Options are available:



- (1) Approve tacitly
- (2) Approve
- (3) Start refusal
- (4) Incomplete
- (5) Acknowledge

Approve tacitly the Major Project Notification

REMARK

This action can occur when an EC user wants to tacitly approve a Major Project Notification sent by the Member State, when the Commission observations period of 3 months is over and no observations were made. This can also happen when the refusal procedure by the Commission has already been started, but will not be terminated with the 3 months.

The Major Project Notification is in a status **'Sent'**, **'Draft refusal decision under Preparation'** or **'Refusal decision sent for adoption'** at the level of the Commission.

An EC User with ECOA Update access can approve tacitly a Major Project Notification.

1. Click on the Approve tacitly link:

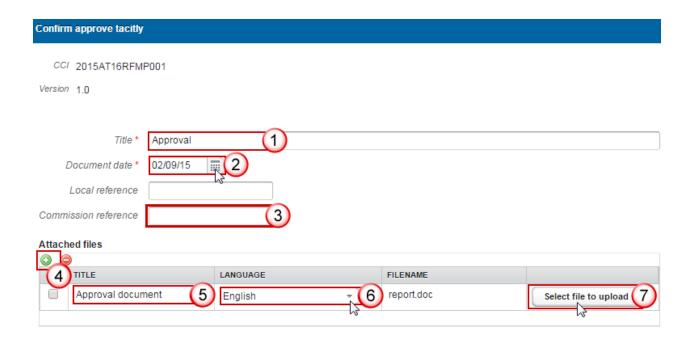


The system will ask you to confirm the approve action:

During the tacit approval by the Commission, the EC user can <u>optionally</u> add a document ("EC approval letter") with attachments that will be sent together with the tacit approval action to the Member State

This can be done either by using the Commission Reference ARES number OR by manually uploading the documents.

Attach EC Approval Letter



Do you really want to tacitly approve this major project version?



- **2.** Enter the following information:
- (1) Enter the *Title*
- (2) Select the *Document Date*
- (3) The attachments can be uploaded by entering the ARES number under *Commission Reference*The system will detect the document(s) from ARES and the attachments will be automatically uploaded

 OR (to manually upload attachments):
- (4) Click on the Add button

 to add the tacit approval document
- (5) Enter the document *Title*
- (6) Select the document *Language*
- (7) Select the file from your PC
- (8) Click Yes to confirm the action and approve the Major Project Notification

On success, the Major Project Notification version status was set to 'TACITLY APPROVED BY EC'.

Approve the Major Project Notification

REMARK

This action can occur when an EC user wants to approve a Major Project Notification sent by the Member State.

The Major Project Notification is in a status **'Sent'**, **'Draft refusal decision under PREPARATION'** or **'REFUSAL DECISION SENT FOR ADOPTION'** at the level of the Commission.

An EC User with Update access can approve a Major Project Notification.

1. Click on the **Approve** link:

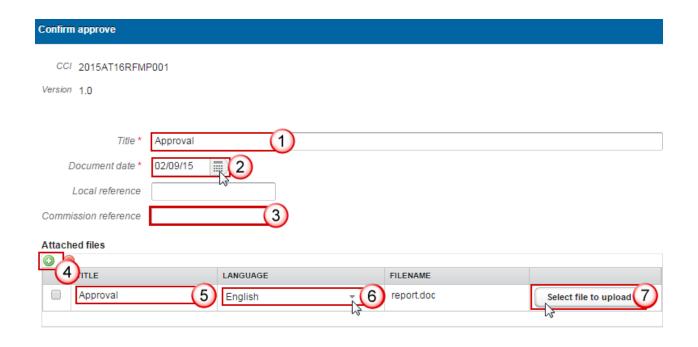


The system will ask you to confirm the approve action:

During the approval by the Commission, the EC user can <u>optionally</u> add a document ("EC approval letter") with attachments that will be sent together with the approval action to the Member State.

This can be done either by using the Commission Reference ARES number OR by manually uploading the documents.

Attach EC Approval Letter



Do you really want to approve this major project version?



- **2.** Enter the following information:
- (1) Enter the *Title*
- (2) Select the *Document Date*
- (3) The attachments can be uploaded by entering the ARES number under *Commission Reference*The system will detect the document(s) from ARES and the attachments will be automatically uploaded

 OR (to manually upload attachments):
- (4) Click on the Add button 💿 to add the tacit approval document
- (5) Enter the document *Title*
- (6) Select the document *Language*
- (7) Select the file from your PC
- (8) Click Yes to confirm the action and approve the Major Project Notification

On success, the Major Project Notification version status was set to 'APPROVED BY EC'.

Start refusal of Major Project Notification

REMARK

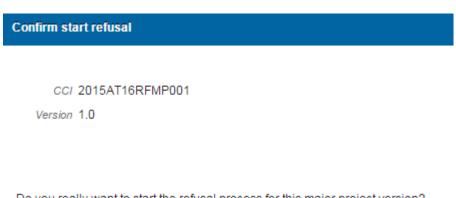
This action can occur when an EC user wants to start the refusal process of a Major Project Notification sent by the Member State.

An EC User with Update access can start the refusal of the Major Project.

1. Click on the **Start refusal** link:



The system will ask you to confirm the action:



Do you really want to start the refusal process for this major project version?



2. Click <u>Yes</u> to confirm or <u>No</u> to return to the Major Project Notification.

On success, the status will be set to 'Draft refusal decision under preparation'.

Send Refusal Decision on Major Project Notification for adoption

REMARK

This action can occur when an EC user wants to send the Refusal Decision of a Major Project Notification for adoption.

The Major Project Notification is in a status 'DRAFT REFUSAL DECISION UNDER PREPARATION' at the level of the Commission.

An EC User with Update access can send the Refusal Decision of a Major Project for adoption.

1. Click on the **Send refusal decision for adoption** link:



The system will ask you to confirm the action:

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Do you really want to send the refusal decision for this major project version for adoption?



2. Click Yes to confirm or No to return to the Major Project Notification.

On success, the Major Project Notification version status was set to 'REFUSAL DECISION SENT FOR ADOPTION'.

Refuse Major Project Notification

This action can occur when an EC user wants to refuse a Major Project Notification sent by the Member State.

REMARK

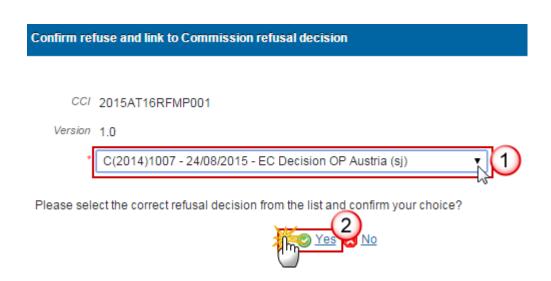
The Major Project Notification is in a status 'REFUSAL DECISION SENT FOR ADOPTION' at the level of the Commission.

An EC User with Update access can refuse a Major Project.

1. Click on the Refuse link:



The system will ask you to confirm the refuse action and link to a Commission refusal decision:



- (1) Select the refusal decision from the list
- (2) Click on YES to confirm the refuse action or on NO to return to the Major Project Notification

On success, the Major Project Notification version status was set to 'REFUSED BY EC'.

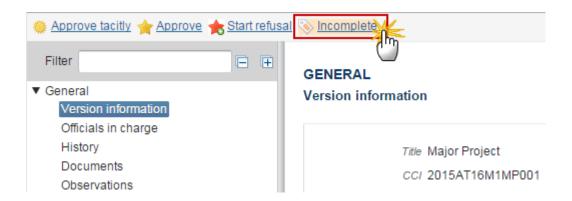
Mark Major Project Notification as incomplete

REMARK

This action can occur when an EC user wants to mark the Major Project version sent by the Member State/Region as incomplete or incorrect and needs to be modified.

An EC User with Update access can mark as incomplete the Major Project.

1. Click on the **Incomplete** link:

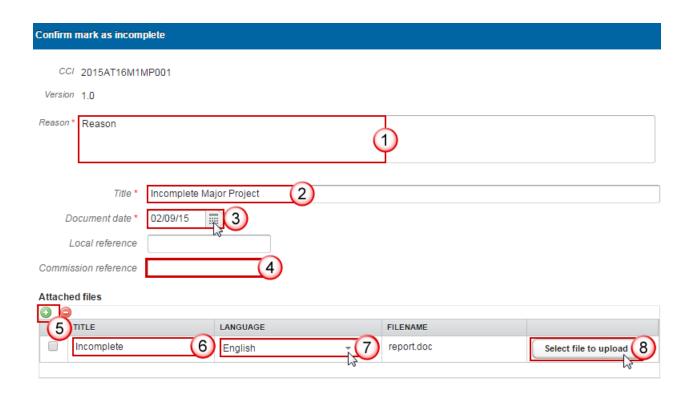


The system will ask you to confirm the action:

During this action, the EC user can optionally add a document ("EC incomplete submission letter (MP.INC)") with attachments that will be sent together with this action to the Member State.

This can be done either by using the Commission Reference ARES number OR by manually uploading the documents.

Attach EC Incomplete Submission Letter



Do you really want to mark this major project version as incomplete?



- 2. Enter the following information:
- (1) Enter the Reason for the incomplete submission
- (2) Enter the Title
- (3) Select the Document Date
- (4) The attachments can be uploaded by entering the ARES number under *Commission Reference*The system will detect the document(s) from ARES and the attachments will be automatically uploaded

 OR (to manually upload attachments):
- (5) Click on the Add button to add the document explaining the incomplete submission
- (6) Enter the document *Title*
- (7) Enter the document Language
- (8) Select the file from your PC
- (9) Click Yes to confirm the action and mark the Major Project as incomplete

On success, the Major Project Notification has been set in status 'INCOMPLETE SUBMISSION'.

Acknowledge Major Project Notification

REMARK

This action can occur when the Member State has submitted an amendment falling under **article 102.1** and the new notification form stays in line with the appraisal report being the basis for the first Commission approval or the Member State has submitted a modification of a phased project falling under **article 103** and the modifications of the project are in line with article 103 conditions, and the EC user wants to acknowledge this Major Project Notification Version sent by the Member State.

The Major Project Notification is in status **'SENT'** at the level of the Commission.

An EC User with Update access can mark acknowledge the Major Project Notification version.

1. Click on the Acknowledge link.

The system will ask you to confirm the action:

During acknowledge by the Commission, the EC user can <u>optionally</u> add a document **'EC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT COMMENTS'** with attachments that will be send together with the acknowledge action to the Member State.

2. This can be done either by using the Commission Reference ARES number OR by manually uploading the documents.

On success, the Major Project Notification version status was set to 'ACKNOWLEDGED BY EC'.

Reopen the Major Project Notification

This action can occur when an EC user wants to undo the last action performed on the Major Project Notification version by returning to the previous status.

REMARK

The Major Project Notification is in a status 'TACITLY APPROVED BY EC', 'APPROVED BY EC', 'ACKNOWLEDGED BY EC', 'INCOMPLETE SUBMISSION', 'WITHDRAWN BY MS', 'DRAFT REFUSAL DECISION UNDER PREPARATION', 'REFUSAL DECISION SENT FOR ADOPTION' OF 'REFUSED BY EC'.

No more recent Major Project Version exists.

An EC User with Update access can mark as incomplete the Major Project.

1. Click on the Reopen link:



The system will ask you to confirm the reopen action:



Do you really want to reopen this Major Project Notification version?



2. Click Yes to confirm the reopen or No to return to the Major Project Notification.

On success, the Major Project Notification has been reopened and its status was set to its previous status.