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Installed: 2026-05-03 17:30 UTC

Implementation: `/Users/makinja/system/tools/mc.js`

Audit Log: `/tmp/mc-grandfathered-completions.log`

MC Genesis: #99057

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What Is This?

The **grandfather clause** allows legacy tasks (created and marked `ready_for_review` before 2026-05-03 17:30 UTC) to complete without triggering the new gate stack:

- qa-19 mode enforcement
- GOTCHA Decision Tier check (H+M priority)
- hop-build phase completion (H+M priority)
- validator-independent.json requirement
- ZAKON #21 trust label content verification

Old gates still apply: ZAKON #22 `ready_for_review` requirement, evidence bundle, postflight marker, ADR-021 compliance. This is *not* a full bypass — only the new stack is skipped.

Why?

CEO decision 2026-05-03 after the 3-layer gate chain ('sistem koje je krc') blocked routine closure of 6 drift-prevention MCs that had already been validated under the old regime. The grandfather clause creates a clean boundary: tasks already validated = let them close without new gates; new tasks = all gates active.

How It Works

Timestamp Boundary

```
GATE_INSTALL_DATE = '2026-05-03T17:30:00Z' (line ~50 in mc.js)
```

The `isGrandfathered(task, taskId)` helper checks three timestamp heuristics (in priority order):

1. `completed_at` (if task already done — should never happen in preCompletion gate)
2. `updated_at` when status = `ready_for_review`
3. Earliest `task_history` entry with action = `READY_FOR_REVIEW`

If any timestamp is **before** `GATE_INSTALL_DATE` → `grandfathered = true`.

UTC fix: SQLite timestamps are space-separated (`YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS`) — JavaScript `new Date()` parses these as *local time* unless 'Z' is appended. The `sqliteUtcMs()` helper (lines 656-661) imposes UTC parsing to prevent timezone drift.

Gate Wrap Points

Five checks in `preCompletionGate()` (lines 750-817) are wrapped with `if (grandfathered) { /* skip */ }`:

- qa-19 mode (line 754)
- H-priority GOTCHA + hop-build + validator-independent.json (lines 774, 784)
- M-priority GOTCHA + hop-build (line 799)
- GOTCHA Decision Tier trust label check (line 810)

Grandfathered vs Forced

Aspect	GRANDFATHERED	FORCED_COMPLETION
Trigger	<code>ready_for_review_at < gate install date</code>	override flag
Gates bypassed	New stack only (qa-19, GOTCHA, hop-build, validator, trust labels)	All gates (including old: ZAKON #22, evidence, postflight, ADR-021)
Audit log	<code>/tmp/mc-grandfathered-completions.log</code>	<code>/tmp/mc-forced-completions.log</code>
DB action	<code>task_history.action='GRANDFATHERED'</code>	<code>task_history.action='FORCED_COMPLETION'</code>

Aspect	GRANDFATHERED	FORCED_COMPLETION
Console output	"GRANDFATHERED: task predates new gate stack"	"⚠ FORCED COMPLETION"
Intended use	Clean legacy backlog closure (automatic)	CEO override for exceptional cases (explicit)

Audit Logs

Grandfathered Log

`/tmp/mc-grandfathered-completions.log` (separate from FORCED log)

Format:

```
{
  "timestamp": "2026-05-03T18:27:04.123Z",
  "taskId": 99022,
  "completionType": "GRANDFATHERED",
  "gate_install_date": "2026-05-03T17:30:00Z",
  "reason": "updated_at=2026-05-03 09:52:57 (status=ready_for_review)"
}
```

Database

Query:

```
sqlite3 ~/system/databases/mission-control.db \
  "SELECT task_id, action, timestamp FROM task_history WHERE action='GRANDFATHERED'"
```

Verified entries (as of 2026-05-03): 5 tasks (99022, 10590, 10608, 10611, 10613)

Code References

Element	Location (mc.js)
GATE_INSTALL_DATE constant	Line ~50

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sqliteUtcMs() helper	Lines 656-661
isGrandfathered() helper	Lines 662-712
preCompletionGate() wrapper checks	Lines 750-817
completionType assignment	Lines 2030-2033
Audit log write	Line ~2063

Verification

Test 1 (legacy task): MC #99022 (ready_for_review_at = 2026-05-03 08:43 UTC)

```
node ~/system/tools/mc.js done 99022
```

→ Status = done, action = GRANDFATHERED (no override needed)

Test 2 (new task): MC #99058 (created 2026-05-03 18:27 UTC)

```
isGrandfathered() returns { grandfathered: false }
```

→ All gates remain active

Proveo report: `/tmp/postflight-99057/proveo-report.md` — 6/6 AC PASS

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