



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 5020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Cabin Crew Proficiency Checks as required by Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), on behalf of the United Kingdom and pursuant to article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, exempts all operators for whom the UK CAA is the Competent Authority ("the operator/s") and cabin crew employed by such operators ("the said cabin crew") from the requirement to complete recurrent training in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 - Air Operations, Annex III, (Part-ORO), ORO.CC.140(d)(1)(i)(B) (the donning of protective breathing equipment) and ORO.CC.140(d)(2)(iv)(B) (donning and use of PBE in an enclosed simulated smoke-filled environment), subject to the conditions in paragraph 2.
- 2) This exemption may only be applied by an operator for whom the UK CAA is the Competent Authority and in accordance with the following conditions:
 - a) the operator shall request permission to use this exemption from their Inspecting Officer (Cabin Safety) (IO (CC)) within the Civil Aviation Authority;
 - b) training and checking is to be conducted in a format agreed with their IO (CC);
 - c) the cabin crew shall be required to complete training in full compliance with ORO.CC.140(d)(1)(i)(B) the donning of protective breathing equipment and ORO.CC.140(d)(2)(iv)(B) the donning and use of PBE in an enclosed simulated smoke-filled environment within a specified timescale agreed with the IO (CC);
 - d) the operator will be responsible for ensuring that the date of the additional training conducted in accordance with paragraph 2) c) of this exemption is recorded;
 - e) operators seeking to utilise this provision are to submit their revised Operations Manual Part D training and checking programmes along with risk assessments to their assigned inspector. The use of alternative training methods should be incorporated as appropriate to provide mitigation of non-completion of practical training;
 - f) the period of the initial exemption shall only apply for a maximum of up to four months when it shall be reviewed by the CAA. Subject to the agreement of the relevant IO (CC), a further extension, not to exceed the expiry date of this exemption, may be authorised;

- g) following the expiry/revocation of this exemption the operator shall ensure that their Operating Manual Part D is amended to reflect this.

- 3) This exemption has effect from 16 March 2020 until 12 November 2020, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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for the Civil Aviation Authority

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Explanatory Note:

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is aware that operators and individual licence holders will have issues in completing operator's proficiency checks during this period when COVID-19 is a serious health risk to individuals.

During this initial period of COVID-19 infection, the CAA will permit some alleviations to the requirements of the EASA Air Operators Regulation.