



Miscellaneous

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The Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods Regulations) 2002

ICAO Technical Instructions

General Exemption E5089

Rigid Outer Packaging for Biological Substances, Category B, UN3373 Samples

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), in exercise of its powers under Article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ("the Order"), and Part 1;1.1.3 of the Technical Instructions, hereby exempts any UK shipper and agent thereof, any UK aircraft operator ("the operator"), any agent of a UK operator and Royal Mail Group Plc from the provisions of Regulation 11(d) of the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2002 ("the AN(DG)Rs") and Part 1;2.3.2(b) and 2(c) of Packing Instruction 650 of the Technical Instructions that requires rigid outer packaging for test kit samples containing biological substances, Category B, UN3373,
- 2) This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:
 - a) the dangerous goods, biological substances, Category B, UN3373, shall only be packed in Radox COVID-19 Screening Kits;
 - b) all other requirements of Packing Instruction 650 are to be met in accordance with the Technical Instructions;
 - c) the test kits containing biological substances, Category B, UN3373, are only to be forwarded for carriage on board aircraft by Royal Mail Group Plc;
 - d) the test kits containing biological substances, Category B, UN3373, are only to be forwarded for carriage on board aircraft by Royal Mail Group Plc to the Belfast testing facility, in accordance with Royal Mail Group Plc procedures as agreed with the CAA;
 - e) the operator must be informed, by Royal Mail Group Plc, of the carriage of the dangerous goods and the dangers to which they give rise; and
 - f) the mailbags must be protected from damage and not loaded with other cargo or mail.
- 3) In this exemption 'Technical Instructions' means the latest effective edition of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284-AN/905), including the Supplement and any Addendum, approved and published by decision of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.
- 4) This exemption is issued to meet the urgent operational needs of a limited duration to unforeseeable circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 virus.
- 5) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4, No. 1372, which is revoked.

- 6) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 2 December 2020, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Explanatory Notes:

- 1) UK legislation requires that dangerous goods be carried in accordance with the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by ICAO (the Technical Instructions). Under that document, the carriage of dangerous goods must either comply with the specific requirements applicable to the particular dangerous goods or be carried in accordance with an exemption permitted by that document.
- 2) This is such an exemption, authorising the carriage of the specified dangerous goods without complying with the specific applicable requirements.
- 3) Dangerous Goods carried in accordance with this exemption are carried in accordance with the Technical Instructions and thus in accordance with UK legislation.