

SAFETY CIRCULAR 2020-01

Issue 01

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SUBJECT:

FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

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APPLICABILITY:

This Safety Circular shall be applicable to all Operators and Organisation within Sultanate of Oman for a period of 4 months from date of issue of this safety Circular, Subject to further extension as the situation dictates.

INTRODUCTION:

The socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 is yet to be assessed. It has already resulted in drastic restrictions and arrangements licence holders from timely completing their necessary renewal requirements, prior to licence expiry.

As a result of the aforementioned unforeseen circumstances, the PACA:

- a) found it necessary to reduce the severity of the disruptions; and
- b) presents today an immediate response to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak while assuring minimum standard and acceptable level of safety are met.

REQUIREMENTS:

With regard to licences, ratings, and certificates issued by the PACA, not compromising with medical fitness the following shall apply:

- a) Licences, ratings, and certificates issued in accordance with CAR-FCL 1 and CAR-FCL 2:

Provided that the regular validity period of a rating or a certificate expires before 31 July 2020, that validity period is extended as follows:

- i) by 4 months, in the case of:

- 1) class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings endorsed in CAR-FCL commercial pilot licences (CPL, MPL, ATPL) for operating aeroplanes representing those classes and types within an organisation for which CAR-FCL is applicable;

- ii) until the end of the application of this Safety Circular, in the case of:

- 1) CAR-FCL and CAN, instructor and examiner certificates the holders of which are involved in training and checking of holders of the class and type ratings specified in point i (1) above;

2) language proficiency (ELP) endorsements as per point CAR-FCL 1.010(a)(2) of CAR-FCL;

b) Training and checking in accordance with CAR-OPS 1/3:

Provided that the regular validity period of training and checking, as set out in the applicable training and checking requirements of CAR-OPS 1 and 3, expires before 31 July 2020, that validity period of all of the following is extended by 4 months:

- i) Licence proficiency checks (LPC) and line checks in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.965 or CAR-OPS 3.965;
- ii) line-oriented evaluation in accordance with point CAR-OPS 1.978, if applicable;
- iii) operator emergency and safety equipment training and checking in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.965 or CAR-OPS 3.965
- iv) operator ground and flight training in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.965 or CAR-OPS 3.965;
- v) operator cabin crew recurrent training and checking in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.1015 and CAR-OPS 1.1020;
- vi) operator recurrent training for crew other than above mentioned, in accordance with applicable provisions of CAR-OPS 1 or CAR-OPS 3.

c) Licences, endorsements issued in accordance with CAR FCL 1 and CAR-FCL 2 and civil Aviation Notices (CAN):

Provided that the regular validity period of an endorsement or licence expires before 31 July 2020, the validity period of all of the following is extended as follows:

- i) by 4 months, in the case of:
 - 1) ATC Licence, ATC Ratings endorsements.
 - 2) ATC language proficiency endorsements.
 - 3) AME licenses
 - 4) Flight Engineer's licenses

d) All Certificate of Airworthiness and Radio Station licenses that expire before 31 December 2020, shall be renewed for another year. Review of the records and aircraft physical inspections shall be arranged with the operators at a later stage.

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