

## **SAFETY CIRCULAR 2020-05**

Issue 01- Amendment 1

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<u>SUBJECT:</u> FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (COVID-19) FROM AIRWORTHINESS ASPECT.

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS: SAFETY CIRCULAR 2020-05 Issue 01-Amendment 01 dated 18 August 2020

**INTRODUCTION:** The socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 is yet to be assessed. It has already resulted in drastic restrictions and arrangements of some applicants from timely completing their necessary requirements.

As a result of the aforementioned unforeseen circumstances, 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 an acceptable level of safety.

<u>APPLICABILITY:</u> This Safety Circular shall be applicable to Approved Maintenance Organization (AMO), Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO), Maintenance Training Organization (MTO) and Registered Aircraft.

**<u>DEFINITION</u>**: For the purpose of this circular, the following definitions apply:

- 1- Organisation means holder of approval certificate from PACA.
- 2- Foreign Organization means the organization approved by PACA which principle place of business is outside territory of Sultanate of Oman.
- 3- Registered aircraft means Omani registered aircraft.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This circular is effective from date of issue and valid until 31 October 2020.

<u>PERIOD OF THIS NOTICE</u>: This circular supersede safety circular 2020 – 05 issue 01 dated 29 July 2020. This document shall Automatically become invalid at the date specified above as 31 October 2020 or is withdrawn by PACA, whichever occurs first.

## REQUIRED ACTION(s) AND COMPLIANCE TIME(s):

- a) Certificate of Airworthiness (C of A) and Certificate of Approval of Aircraft Radio Installation for registered aircraft that expire before 31 October 2020, if found satisfactory can be renewed for another year provided that:
  - 1- Application forms and proof of payments of relevant fees submit to PACA by relevant organization;
  - 2- The organisation shall issue Certificate of Maintenance Review (CMR) and it must be determined at the time of issuance that the aircraft complies with requirement of CAR-M.A.710(a) to (f).
  - 3- CMR shall issue within 10 days before submission of application forms.
  - 4- Review of the records and aircraft physical inspection shall be at PACA discretion.



- b) All foreign AMO, CAMO and MTO certificate expire or need to change before 31 October 2020, if found satisfactory can be issued provided that:
  - 1- The Organization submit the related application forms and proof of payments of PACA fees.
  - 2- The organization shall submit latest exposition (Soft copy) for review by PACA.
  - 3- This application must be joined with a latest internal audit report with evidence of closing findings or corrective action plan, as appropriate.
  - 4- The organization shall submit latest Local Civil Aviation Authority Approval Certificate to PACA together with the organisation Operations Specifications or approval schedule showing level of maintenance preformed, types of aircraft and engines approval valid for, plus special processes, where applicable.
    - Note: Approval certificate has not been restricted or revoked or suspended by Local Civil Aviation Authority.
  - 5- Final decision will be taken by PACA after review of all submitted documents.
- c) Required action in point (b)1 to (b)5 is applicable for new applicant which principle place of business is outside territory of Sultanate of Oman.
- d) For local AMO, CAMO, and MTO normal PACA approval/renewal processes to be applied/followed.
- e) Continuation Training, recurrent or refresher training are expired before validity of this circular could be extended for a period of 3 months or 31 October 2020 (whichever occurs later) for relevant organization staff.
- f) The organization is responsible for preparing appropriate documentation in soft copy.

<u>DESKTOP AUDITS</u>: PACA will review all documentation and evidence provided. This means that work will be done as an integral part of the Renewal Inspection/audit, off-site. The Assigned inspector will assess each situation and make a determination as to the appropriate course of action factoring all risks and mitigation strategies in place. Desktop Audits' are discretionary and are not meant to substitute certification processes already established by the PACA.

<u>REMARK</u>: For any question concerning the technical content of this circular, please contact with Flight Safety Department Airworthiness Office.

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Reference Document: CAR 21, CAR M, CAR 145, CAR 147.

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