

1) Introduction:

In response to the CoViD-19 situation, PACA has taken measures to protect the health of its staff and limit the spread of the disease. This includes the cancellation of all travel and external meetings, which means that scheduled site visits and audits, for example, cannot take place as planned. The relevant staff are in contact with their counterparts to work together to manage this situation and ensure that no additional risks to aviation safety arise in these difficult times with keeping an acceptable level of safety within the Sultanate of Oman.

This safety circular applies to all entities involved in the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air.

2) Definitions:

Entities: All entities mean any person, Air operator, ground handling agents, shippers, freight forwarders, Cargo Agents, training providers and packaging suppliers involved in the transport of dangerous goods by air.

Technical Instructions mean the current edition of the document published by the International Civil Aviation Organization and entitled the "Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air" (reference number: Doc 9284-AN/905).

3) SUBJECT:

Extension of the Applicability of the Civil Aviation Regulation mentioned in point 4 of this safety circular and relevant measures applicable to all entities involved in the transport of Dangerous Goods for six (6) months starting from the 29th of March 2020.

4) References of Civil Aviation Regulations affected:

- a) Transport of Dangerous Goods By Air CAR 92, approved on 29 September 2019;
- b) CAR OPS 0, 1, 2 and 3 subpart R.

5) Applicability

This Safety Circular shall be applicable to all entities involved in the transport of Dangerous Goods from the date of issue of this safety Circular until new update.

6) Measures applicable to the safe Transport of Dangerous Goods By Air

- a) The Transition Period (of the Civil Aviation Requirement CAR 92) mentioned in CAR-92.001 (7) is extended for six (06) months from 29th of March 2020 to 30th September 2020 inclusive.

- b) All entities within the Sultanate of Oman (Airlines, training centers, freight forwards, cargo agent...) shall still comply with CAR-OPS 0, 1, 2 and 3 Subpart R Transport of Dangerous Goods until the end of **30 of September 2020**.
- c) All Entities involved in the transport of Dangerous Goods by Air shall continue compliance with ICAO Technical instruction DOC 9284/AN905 in accordance with CAR OPS-1.1160 (a).
- d) Foreign Airlines still comply with the applicable approval and/or exemption procedure.
- e) Category 6 Initial Dangerous goods training by any means (Class room, CBT...) is suspended for three months from **29 of March until 30 of June 2020**.
- f) With regard to Dangerous Goods Recurrent Training expires from the **29 of March 2020 to 30 of June 2020**, entities shall apply by E-mail to ramzi.smirani@paca.gov.om and alialajmi@paca.gov.om for approval to conduct a computer based Training /E-Learning if classroom training can't be delivered.
- g) Entities Approved by PACA to conduct computer based training/E-Learning shall comply with their approved Documentation System.
- h) Additional evidences to review current and forthcoming applications may be required due to the cancellation of onsite inspections.
- i) Applications for Dangerous Goods training programs approval different from those outlined above will be assessed case by case with the relevant department within PACA.

7) Conclusion

This safety circular will be updated on timely manner.

Industry is required to check PACA website on www.paca.gov.om for future updates.

Please coordinate with the relevant Departments/Inspectors for more details or additional information

Please refer to annex 1 to this safety circular for your reference.

Annex 1 Regulatory Chart

Requirements	Actions	Deadline	Reference	Observations
CAR 92: Applicability to current approval holders.	Extended	From 29 of March 2020 to 30 September 2020 included	CAR OPS 1,2 and 3 and ICAO T.I is applicable	30 September is the deadline to comply with CAR 29 as amended.
CAT 6 : Initial Dangerous Goods Training	Suspended	From 29 of March until 30 of June 2020.	Safety circular 2020-02	Reviewed on timely manner
Dangerous Goods Recurrent Training	Continue	From 29 of March 2020 to 30 September 2020 included.	CAR OPS 1,2 and 3 and ICAO T.I is applicable	1. Application for Computer based Training to be approved is required. Approved 2.operators shall comply with their documentation system. 3. Additional evidences may be required.

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