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CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT
FLIGHT STANDARDS DIVISION

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**TITLE: Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity of time periods for theoretical knowledge
Recommendations and Examinations.
Exemption/LIC-04/ 3093 /01-3-2021**

**EXEMPTION UNDER ARTICLE 71(2) REGULATION (EU) 2018/1139 IN RESPECT OF NON-COMPLIANCE
WITH A REQUIREMENT**

1. Exemption

The Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority, on behalf of Greece, pursuant to Article 71(2) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139, hereby exempts:

- Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, particularly:
 - points FCL.025
- Regulation (EU) No 1976/2018, particularly:
 - points SFCL.135

2. Applicability

Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption, with regard to applicants for a licence, issued by the HCAA in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, all of the following shall apply:

- (a) The time period of all of the following is extended as follows:
- (1) Until the end of the application of this Exemption, in the case of validity periods or time periods, as applicable, of all of the following:
 - (i) recommendations for taking theoretical knowledge examinations, issued by a DTO or by an ATO in accordance with point FCL.025(a)(3) of Part-FCL, and point SFCL.135(b)(3) of Part-SFCL;
 - (ii) theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per points (c)(1) and (c)(2) of point FCL.025 of Part-FCL, and point SFCL.135(d) of Part-SFCL;
 - (2) in the case of the time period specified in point FCL.025 (b) (2) of Part-FCL, and point SFCL.135(c)(2), that time period is extended by the time period that equals the time period during which an applicant was unable to access theoretical knowledge examinations or until the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever is shorter, for the reasons specified in this Exemption.

3. Conditions of exemption

This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:

- (1) **Applicants for a licence, rating or certificate** benefiting from point 2,(a) (1),(2) of this exemption shall have received additional training, if deemed necessary by the ATO or the DTO, in consultation with the HCAA.

4. Reasons for granting it- Justification

The COVID-19 outbreak and its second phase have resulted in requirements of health safety measures, physical distancing, travel restrictions, closure of the HCAA Examination Center (SPOA) and border restrictions between majorities of States.

Applicants of HCAA Part-FCL pilot licenses who are required to undergo theoretical training or theoretical examinations, in order to complete their training and checking, were not able to timely reach or gain access to training organizations and the HCAA Examination Center (SPOA). This would, or have already, resulted in expiry of their time periods for theoretical recommendations and examinations.

As a result of the extreme operational and resource constraints caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, it is needed to apply this exemption for applicants of HCAA Part-FCL pilot licenses when the said circumstances are declared to the HCAA by the applicant of the license, the training organization or the HCAA Examination Center (SPOA). This Exemption aims to reduce the severity of the disruptions and ensure a certain level of training and checking continuity for the applicants, that would otherwise occur due to the expiry of the said times and periods.

5. Environment:

The circumstances and needs addressed by the exemption do not have an impact on environment.

6. Market distortion:

Due to the exceptional circumstances affecting all EU Member States, and given its limited duration, the exemption does not have a distorting effect on the market conditions.

7. Essential requirements:

Not applicable.

8. Validity

This exemption shall have effect from **01/03/2021 until 01/07/2021**.

9. Notification

This exemption is notified to EASA, and the CAs of the European Union Member States.

10. Queries

Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

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