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TITLE: Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity periods for training and checking in accordance with Annex III (Part-ORO) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012. Exemption/OPS/2020-01

EXEMPTION UNDER ARTICLE 71(1) 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(1) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139, hereby exempts:

- Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, particularly points:
 - ORO.FC.230,
 - ORO.FC.330,
 - ORO.FC.A.245,
 - ORO.CC.140 and
 - ORO.TC.135 of Annex III (Part-ORO)
 - SPA.DG.105 of Annex V (Part-SPA)

2. Applicability

Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption, with regard to the validity period of aircrew training and checking by HCAA AoCs holders - Operators, all of the following shall apply:

- (a) Training and checking in accordance with Annex III (Part-ORO) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

The validity period of all of the following is extended by 4 months or until the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever is the shorter period of time:

- (1) operator proficiency checks (OPC) in accordance with points ORO.FC.230(b) and ORO.FC.330 of Part-ORO;
- (2) operator line-oriented evaluation in accordance with point ORO.FC.A.245(d) of Part-ORO, if applicable;
- (3) operator emergency and safety equipment training and checking in accordance with point ORO.FC.230(d) of Part-ORO;
- (4) operator ground and flight training in accordance with point ORO.FC.230(f) of Part-ORO;
- (5) operator cabin crew recurrent training and checking in accordance with point ORO.CC.140 of Part-ORO;
- (6) operator technical crew recurrent training in accordance with point ORO.TC.135 of Part-ORO;
- (7) operator line checks (LC) in accordance with point ORO.FC.230(c) of Part-ORO;
- (8) operator dangerous goods recurrent training in accordance with point ORO.GEN.110(j) of Part-ORO and, when applicable, point SPA.DG.105(a) of Part-SPA;
- (9) operator crew resource management recurrent training in accordance with point ORO.FC.230(e)(1) and (e)(2) of Part-ORO;
- (10) operator recurrent training and checking in accordance with point ORO.FC.130 of Part-ORO.

If, towards the end of the period specified in the introductory sentence of this point (a), the competent authority considers that the reasons for granting the Exemption still apply, the validity period of relevant training and checking may be further extended for a period of up to 4 months or by the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever date comes first.

3. Conditions of exemption

This exemption is granted provided, that Operators benefitting from this exemption comply with all of the following:

- (a) In all of the following cases the operator shall ensure that flight crew members benefitting from this exemption, shall have received refresher training, followed by the completion of an assessment by means established by the operator to determine that the required level of knowledge to operate the applicable class or type is maintained. That assessment shall include class – or type – specific abnormal and emergency procedures.
 - (i) operator proficiency checks (OPC) in accordance with point ORO.FC.230(b);
 - (ii) line checks in accordance with point ORO.FC.230(c);
 - (iii) line-oriented evaluation in accordance with point ORO.FC.A.245 (d), if applicable.
- (b) In addition to the refresher training mentioned above (a), this refresher training shall include any additional Part-SPA related elements, as applicable.
- (c) The operator shall ensure that crew members complete additional training through any means in all of the following cases:
 - (i) operator emergency and safety equipment training and checking in accordance with ORO.FC.230(d);
 - (ii) ground and flight training in accordance with point ORO.FC.230(f);
 - (iii) OPC for commercial specialised operations and CAT operations referred to in point ORO.FC.005 (B)(1) and (2), in accordance with point ORO.FC.330;
 - (iv) cabin crew recurrent training and checking in accordance with point ORO.CC.140;
 - (v) technical crew recurrent training in accordance with point ORO.TC.135.
 - (vi) dangerous goods recurrent training in accordance with point ORO.GEN.110(j) and, when applicable, point SPA.DG.105(a);
 - (vii) Crew resource management recurrent training in accordance with point ORO.FC.230 (e)(1) and (e)(2);
 - (viii) operator recurrent training and checking in accordance with point ORO.FC.130 of Part-ORO.

Note: The intent of “through any means” is that operators provide additional training to crew members in order to compensate for the extended validity of the different training elements of Part-ORO and Part-SPA, as applicable. This could be done for example via briefing/leaflet/bulletin/CBT/video.

4. Validity

This exemption shall have effect from **27/03/2020 until 26/11/2020**.

5. Notification

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

6. Queries

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

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