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To: HANSP, AMS (AeroMedical Section)

Subject: Extension of validity periods for licenses, ratings, endorsements and certificates of air traffic controllers and AMEs, due to COVID-19 pandemic

**Ref.: 1. E-mail EASA, 18.03.2020
2. (EU) 2018/1139, Article 71 (Exemption in Respect of Non Compliance with a Requirement)
3. (EU) 2015/340**

1. EXEMPTION

The Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority, on behalf of Greece and as represented according to European and National legislation by HANSA Division for the ATM/ATCO domain, pursuant to Article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139 (ref. 2), hereby exempts:

Regulation (EU) 2015/340, particularly:

- points ATCO.B.020, ATCO.B.035, ATCO.C.020, ATCO.C.040 and ATCO.C.060 of Annex I (Part-ATCO)
- points ATCO.MED.A.045 and ATCO.MED.C.025 of Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED)

2. APPLICABILITY

Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption with regard to licenses, ratings, endorsements and certificates issued by HCAA/HANSA, including associated medical certificates and reports, all of the following shall apply to **licenses, endorsements and certificates issued in accordance with Annex I (Part-ATCO) and Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED) to Regulation (EU) 2015/340**.

The validity period of all of the following is extended as follows:

- (1) by 4 months or until the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever is the shorter period of time, in the case of:
 - (i) ATCO unit endorsements as per point ATCO.B.020 of Part-ATCO;
 - (ii) Part-ATCO Class 3 medical certificates as per point ATCO.MED.A045 of Part-ATCO.MED;
 - (ii) ATCO language proficiency endorsements as per point ATCO.B.035 of Part-ATCO.
- (2) until the end of the application of this Exemption, in the case of:
 - (i) practical instructor endorsements (OJTI and STDI) as per points ATCO.C.020, ATCO.C.040 of Part-ATCO;
 - (ii) assessor endorsements as per point ATCO.C.060 of Part-ATCO;
 - (iii) privileges of Part-ATCO.MED aeromedical examiner certificates related to Class 3 medical certificates.

If, towards the end of the period specified in point (1), the competent authority considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption still apply, the validity period of the endorsement or the certificate may be further extended for a period of up to 4 months or the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever date comes first.

3. MITIGATING CONDITIONS

This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:

- **Part-ATCO.MED Class 3 medical certificate** holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid Class 3 medical certificate without limitations, except visual ones and according to the additional mitigation measures established by HANSP and approved by HANSA.
- **Part-ATCO.MED aero-medical examiner certificate holders** benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid aero-medical examiner certificate.
- In the case of **ATCO unit endorsements as well as instructor and assessor endorsements** in ATCO licenses, the air navigation service provider (ANSP) should ensure that the potential unavailability of STDs is mitigated by other means, e.g. computer-based training or the rescheduling refresher training as soon as possible.
- In the case of **ATCO language proficiency endorsements**, in the case of unavailability of an LABs, ANSPs should ensure that language training is ensured through other means, e.g. online courses.

4. VALIDITY

This exemption shall be valid **from 30.03.2020 until 30.11.2020**.

5. NOTIFICATION

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

6. CORRESPONDANCE

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

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