



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 5021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Licence Proficiency Checks as required by Commission Regulation (EU) 1178/2011 as amended

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), on behalf of the United Kingdom and pursuant to article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, exempts all UK issued Part-FCL licence holders from the requirement to complete a proficiency check using a Flight Simulator Training Device ("FTSD") as required by Commission Regulation (EU) 1178/2011 the EASA Aircrew Regulation, (as amended) Annex I, FCL.740.A(a)(1), FCL.740.H(a)(1), FCL.625.A IR(A)(a)(1) and FCL.625.H IR(H)(a)(1) subject to the conditions in paragraph 2.
- 2) This general exemption is primarily for UK AOC operators ("the operator") for whom the UK CAA is the Competent Authority but consideration will also be given to Part NCC and SPO operators whom may also apply for such alleviation by contacting CAA Flight Operations. The exemption will be in accordance with the following conditions:
 - a) The operator shall request permission to use this exemption from their Flight Operations Inspector ("FOI") within the Civil Aviation Authority;
 - b) The operator shall ensure that:
 - i. an alternative training and checking programme is submitted to their assigned FOI including a Risk Assessment and Flying Staff Instruction detailing the revised Part D material.
 - ii. any submission should clearly identify the areas of requirement that are unable to be met and detail how full compliance will be achieved once this exemption is revoked.
 - c) In circumstances where an LPC cannot be conducted in an FSTD or an aircraft the maximum extension given to the date of expiry of the LPC will be 4 months extended to the end of the month. Subject to the agreement of the relevant FOI, a further extension, not exceeding the expiry date of this exemption, may be authorised
 - d) Following the expiry/revocation of this exemption the operator shall ensure that crews are compliant with their existing OM Part D.
- 3) This exemption has effect from 16 March 2020 until 12 November 2020, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Explanatory Note:

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is aware that operators and individual licence holders will have issues in completing licence proficiency checks on the appropriate Flight Simulator Training Device (FSTD) during this period when COVID-19 is a serious health risk to individuals.

During this initial period of COVID-19 infection, the CAA will permit some alleviations to the requirements of Commission Regulation (EU) 1178/2011 the EASA Aircrew Regulation as amended), Annex 1, FCL.740.A(a)(1) and FCL.740.H(a)(1) for licence proficiency checks and includes instrument revalidation under FCL.625.A IR(A)(a)(1) and FCL.625.H IR(H)(a)(1).