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Covid 19 – Outbreak: Applicability of Requirements on Performance Based Navigation Training

- In response to the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 outbreak and in line with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) guidance, 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 holders of a Part-FCL licence issued by the United Kingdom from the requirements of Article 4a (5) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011.
- This exemption allows pilots holding an instrument rating (IR) without Performance Based Navigation (PBN) privileges to fly on routes and approaches that do not require PBN privileges and no PBN items will be required for the renewal of their IR, until 25 April 2021. After that date, PBN privileges will be required for every IR in accordance with Article 4a (5) of Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
- 3) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1404, which is revoked.
- 4) This exemption has effect from 25 August 2020 until 25 April 2021, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Explanatory Notes:

With no exemption in place, the stopping of any training activity in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak would result in pilots not being able to comply with the PBN requirement in Article 4a of Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 and, consequently, not being able to continue with their flying activity even if this was possible on non-PBN routes and approaches. Postponing the deadline for completion of PBN training grants the pilots sufficient time for completion of this training after the end of the COVID-19 lockdown measures that are affecting flight training.

All pilots and employers must ensure that individuals have their Instrument Rating privileges updated, to ensure that they are operating legally on the lapsing of this exemption.

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