



SAFETY DECISION 2020-03

Issue 01

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SUBJECT:

FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS FOR FLIGHT CREW AND OTHER PERSONNEL LICENCES

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

- Yemen Civil Aviation Law
- YCAR-OPS 1
- YCAR Part II
- CAAPs 26 and 27

APPLICABILITY:

This Safety Decision shall be applicable up to 31 August 2020, unless otherwise specified.

This SAFETY DECISION does not apply to licences, ratings, certificates, authorisations, and endorsement that have expired prior to March 2020.

INTRODUCTION:

The socio-economic impact of the novel coronavirus is yet to be assessed. It has already resulted in drastic restrictions and arrangements preventing licence holders from timely completing the necessary training and checking or medical evaluation etc... hence ensuring that their ratings and other privileges are revalidated prior to expiry.

As a result of the aforementioned unforeseen circumstances, the CAMA:

- a) found it necessary to reduce the severity of the disruptions; and
- b) presents an immediate response to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak while assuring an acceptable level of safety.

DISCLAIMER:

- a) If any other flexibility provision is sought, organisations shall communicate with CAMA for future consideration.**
- b) This SAFETY DISCISION has been approved by Chairman of the CAMA – hence it does not bear any stamp or signature. To verify its authenticity, anyone can check on CAMA website: <http://www.cama.gov.ye/en/index.php/civil-aviation-legislation/safety-decisions>**
- c) Once activities return to normal, the CAMA will process any expired certificate, licence, rating, etc. extended using this SAFETY DECISION and provided that the extension was issued in accordance with the SAFETY DECISION.**

REQUIREMENTS:**REQUIREMENT NO. 1:**

Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in Requirement No. 2, with regard to licences, ratings, certificates, authorisations, and endorsement issued in accordance with YCAR Part II: Provided that the regular validity period expires before or on 31 August 2020, that validity period may be extended as follows:

- a) by 3 months, in the case of:
 - 1) Flight crew licences:
 - i) Private Pilot-Aeroplane or Helicopter licence
 - ii) Commercial Pilot-Aeroplane or Helicopter licence
 - iii) Airline Transport Pilot-Aeroplane or Helicopter licence
 - iv) Flight Attendant (Cabin Crew) licence
 - 2) Other personnel licences:
 - i) Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Licence
 - ii) Air Traffic Controller Licence
 - iii) Flight Dispatcher Licence
 - iv) Other Approvals/ Authorisations
 - 3) Class I, II and III medical certificates;
 - 4) Language proficiency endorsements;
 - 5) Instructor and examiner ratings/approvals.;
 - 6) Training and checking in accordance with YCAR-OPS 1 and YCAR Part II:
 - i) operator proficiency checks (OPC) and line checks in accordance with YCAR-OPS 1.965 or YCAR-OPS 3.965;
 - ii) line-oriented evaluation in accordance with point YCAR-OPS 1.978, if applicable;
 - iii) operator emergency and safety equipment training and checking in accordance with YCAR-OPS 1.965 or YCAR-OPS 3.965;
 - iv) operator ground and flight training in accordance with YCAR-OPS 1.965 or YCAR-OPS 3.965;
 - v) operator cabin crew recurrent training and checking in accordance with YCAR-OPS 1.1015 and YCAR-OPS 1.1020;
 - vi) operator recurrent training for crew other than above mentioned, in accordance with applicable provisions of YCAR-OPS 1 or YCAR-OPS 3.
 - vii) operator cabin crew member recurrent training and checking.

Towards the end of the period specified in point (a), the CAMA will reassess the situation and decide if the validity period of licences, ratings, certificates, authorisations, endorsement, relevant training and checking may be further extended for a period of up to 3 months or by the end of the application of this Safety Decision, whichever date comes first.

REQUIREMENT NO. 2:

The applicable mitigating conditions shall be complied to allow validity extension as stipulated under Requirement No. 1, above:

- a) Flight Crew and other personnel licence, approval, certificate, authorisations, and endorsements holders shall comply with all of the following:
 - i) they shall hold a valid and current licence, rating, certificate, authorisations, and endorsement issued under the provisions of YCAR II. Previously expired licences, ratings, certificates, authorisations, and endorsements are not eligible for extension as per this Safety decision;
 - ii) they shall operate under the management system of an organisation;
 - iii) the organisation is required to develop Risk Assessment (identify any resulting aviation safety hazards and manage the associated risks through their SMS) for each category of the requested extension to ensure maintaining the acceptable level of safety.
- b) Class I, II and III medical certificate holders shall hold a valid medical certificate without restrictions / limitations, except visual ones.

- c) Organisations shall comply with all of the following:
- i) the organisation shall determine which aviation personnel holding a licences, ratings, and certificates issued by the CAMA is eligible for extension as per Requirement No. 1. Such determination shall be based on a risk assessment with due consideration of operational needs, unavailability of resources to conduct renewal or revalidation of licences, ratings, and certificates as per applicable YCAR, and current national and international precautions measures related to COVID-19.
 - ii) An accurate record-keeping system is established for those licences, ratings, certificates, authorisations, and endorsements extended.

REQUIREMENT NO. 3:

Due to current restrictions preventing a physical endorsement of licences, ratings, certificates, authorisations, and endorsements issued by the CAMA, a letter is issued by CAMA in lieu of the licence alteration and all dates that expired after March 2020 shall be considered extended by 3 calendar months” The letter of extension required shall contain the following statement:

“This letter is issued to confirm that, (Captain)(Mr/MS)(Name) complies with requirements No.2 a) (i), (ii) and (iii) of Safety Decision 2020-03 FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS adopted by the CAMA to address the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, his/her licence, rating, certificate, authorisation, and endorsement (as appropriate) are extended by 3 months from the date of expiry.

The extension may process through the following email addresses:

Aviation Safety Affairs Sector civilavation@y.net.ye and copy to: asas@cama.gov.ye

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