



SAFETY DECISION 2020-05

Issue 01

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SUBJECT:

FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS FOR AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE PROVIDERS (ATSP)

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

SAFETY DECISION 2020-02

SAFETY DECISION 2020-03

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 COVID-19 pandemic is having a significant impact on the aviation industry around the world. The measures taken by Governments and aviation related businesses are critical steps to ensure effective management of this international health emergency. The CAMA considers that in its role as a regulator, it must ensure acceptable level of safety, also the regularity and efficiency of the aviation system in Yemen.

In order to support all Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) with their objectives to deliver safe air navigation services, the CAMA will be receptive to any request for that will allow their business continuity provided that it can be demonstrated that safety is not adversely affected.

This Safety Decision is issued to:

- a) ensure the provision of services is maintained in the event COVID-19 impacts the facilities (**Requirement No.1**);
- b) provide flexibility to ATC scheduling, ATCO Licence holders and CoC (**Requirement No.2 to No.3**);
- c) deploy measures to protect all operational and technical staff from infection by COVID-19 (**Requirement No.4**).

DISCLAIMER:

- a) **If any other flexibility provision is sought, organisations/individuals 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 provided that the extension was issued in accordance with the SAFETY DECISION.**

Flexibility provisions related to ATC licences and medical provisions are contained in Safety Decision 2020-03.

REQUIREMENTS:

REQUIREMENT NO. 1:

- a) ANSPs providing Air traffic services (ATS) shall ensure the continuity of ATS service provision to aircraft operations not restricted by Safety Decision 2020-02 regarding FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS SARS-CoV-2.
- b) All ANSP shall ensure that their contingency plan is activated and report to the CAMA if the ANSP is not capable to perform the required services.

REQUIREMENT NO. 2:

- a) The ATC scheduling system required by YCAR VIII Subpart 4.45(e) may be adapted based on a fatigue-related risk assessment to allow extension of the duty period up to 14 hours and aggregate of duty period of 28 hours or less within 48 consecutive hours.
- b) Such adaptation does not require pre-approval from the CAMA and can be availed provided a risk assessment is established, implemented and monitored under the ATSU's SMS.
- c) ANSP is required to have a prior approval from the CAMA based on a fatigue-related risk assessment if they need to extend the duty period more than 14 hours provided the aggregate of duty hours do not exceed 24 hours within 48 consecutive hours.
- d) Subject to c) mentioned earlier a fatigue-related risk assessment is required to be established, implemented and monitored under the ATSU's SMS.

REQUIREMENT NO. 3:

- a) The ATC currency check for ATCO required by YCAR VIII Subpart 4A.3.12. may be adapted as follows:
 - i) For A.3.12 Failure to maintain currency:
 - A. The CoC shall become invalid in the event an ATC licence holder has ceased to exercise the privileges of the rating for a period exceeding 120 days, instead of 90 days consecutively.
 - B. Following a currency check, the ATCO is required to consolidate the minimum period of time-in-position within 30 calendar days subsequent to the currency check, instead of 15 calendar days currently.
- b) Such adaptation does not require pre-approval from the CAMA and can be availed provided a risk assessment is established, implemented and monitored under the ATSU's SMS.

REQUIREMENT NO.4:

Air Traffic Service Providers (ATSP) shall deploy several measures to protect all operational and technical staff from infection by COVID-19. The measures are based on preventive instructions issued by Yemen Ministry of Health and include:

- a) Implementation of flexible rostering arrangements such as permanent work teams or closed groups reducing turnover among staff to reduce exposure taking into consideration :
 - i) Adjusting entry and exit times to avoid unnecessary crowding;
 - ii) Keeping a number of staff on-call and avoiding their presence on the job unless absolutely necessary.
 - iii) Reducing the number of ATCOs and technicians at all ATC centers, towers facilities.

This measure aims to keep social distancing between staff at operational and technical rooms.

- b) Implementation of systematic thermal screening of Staff prior to any access to ATS facilities.
- c) Carrying out access control measures, considering :
 - i) Restricting access to areas related to the provision of air navigation services
 - ii) Limiting visitor access to ATS facilities.
- d) Ensuring Systematic cleaning and disinfection of ATC working positions and rest rooms prior to handover between shifts.
- e) Issuing of a circular to mandate "Stay at home" for all operational and technical Staff if they have developed any COVID-19 symptoms.
- f) Development of safety risk assessments for the implementation of new working arrangements and hours by ATS Units.

- g) Making arrangements for monitoring daily situation through technical and operational oversight committees established.
- h) Enhancing communication and awareness among ANS technical staff about preventing the spread of the virus , both in the workplace and their daily lives.

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