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Subject	Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity and other time periods for licences, ratings, privileges, endorsements and certificates of pilots, instructors and examiners

Valid until: 18th November 2020

The Civil Aviation Authority of The Netherlands and pursuant to article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, grants an exemption for the following requirements:

Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, particularly:

- points FCL.025, FCL.055, FCL.060, FCL.140.A, FCL.140.H, FCL.130.S, FCL.140.S, FCL.130.B, FCL.140.B, FCL.220.S, FCL.230.S, FCL.220.B, FCL.230.B, FCL.625, FCL.725, FCL.740, FCL.735.A, FCL.735.H, FCL.805, FCL.810, FCL.815, FCL.825, FCL.830, FCL.940 and FCL.1025 of as well as point (1) of Section H of Appendix 3 to Annex I (Part-FCL)
- points MED.A.045 and MED.D.030 of Annex IV (Part-MED)

Regulation (EU) 2018/395, particularly

- points BFCL.135, BFCL.160, BFCL.200, BFCL.215 and BFCL.360 of Annex III (Part-BFCL)

Regulation (EU) 2018/1976, particularly

- points SFCL.135, SFCL.155, SFCL.160, SFCL.205, SFCL.215 and SFCL.360 of Annex III (Part-SFCL)

Summary of the exemption:

Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption (see field "Summary of mitigating measures"), with regard to applicants for as well as holders of licences, ratings, privileges, endorsements and certificates issued by The Netherlands in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, including associated medical certificates, all of the following shall apply:



(a) Licences, ratings, and certificates issued in accordance with Annex I (Part-FCL), and Annex IV (Part-MED) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

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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 period of time is shorter, in the case of validity periods of all of the following:
 - (i) class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings endorsed in Part-FCL pilot licences the holders of which are not involved in the operation of aircraft representing those classes and types within an organisation for which Annex III (Part-ORO) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 is applicable ;
 - (ii) mountain ratings;
 - (iii) Part-MED medical certificates;
- (2) until 31 October 2020, in the case of Part-FCL instructor and examiner certificates;
- (3) until the end of the application of this Exemption, in the case of validity periods or time periods, as applicable, of all of the following:
 - (i) language proficiency endorsements as per point FCL.055 of Part-FCL;
 - (ii) Part-MED aeromedical examiner certificates;
 - (iii) recommendations for taking theoretical knowledge examinations, issued by a DTO or by an ATO in accordance with point FCL.025(a)(3) of Part-FCL, point BFCL.135(b)(3) of Part-BFCL and point SFCL.135(b)(3) of Part-SFCL;
 - (iv) theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per points (c)(1) and (c)(2) of point FCL.025 of Part-FCL, point BFCL.135(d) of Part-BFCL and point SFCL.135(d) of Part-SFCL;
 - (v) the time periods specified in point FCL.725(c) of Part-FCL with regard to all of the following:
 - (A) the time period between the commencement of the type rating training course and the pass of the skill test;
 - (B) the time period between the pass of the skill test and the application for the issue of the class or type rating;
 - (vi) the time period specified in all of the following, provided that the regular time period ended during the application period of this Exemption:
 - (A) point FCL.735.A(b);
 - (B) point FCL.735.H(b);
 - (C) point (1) of Section H of Appendix 3 to Part-FCL;
 - (D) points (a)(1) and (b)(2) of point FCL.810;
 - (E) point FCL.815(b);
 - (F) point FCL.825(c);
- (4) in the case of the time period specified in point FCL.025 (b) (2) of Part-FCL, point BFCL.135(c) (2) of Part-BFCL and point SFCL.135(c)(2) of Part-SFCL, that time period is extended by the time period that equals the time period during which an applicant



was unable to access theoretical knowledge examinations for the reasons of this Exemption.

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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 rating or certificate may be further extended for another period of up to 4 months or the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever date comes first.

(b) For the application of all of the following recency requirements of Part-FCL to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

The time period is extended as follows:

- (1) to the last 300 days, in the case of point FCL.060(a) (balloon pilot recency for commercial air transport and the carriage of passengers);
- (2) In the case of point FCL.060(c)(1), the 120-day period is extended to 180 days under the same conditions as specified in that point.
- (3) to the last 2 years and 8 months, in the case of point FCL.140.A(a) (LAPL(A) recency);
- (4) to the last 20 months, in the case of point FCL.140.H (LAPL(H) recency);
- (5) to the last 32 months, in the case of all of the following:
 - (i) points FCL.130.S(c) and FCL.220.S (sailplane launching methods);
 - (ii) points (a) and (b)(1) of point FCL.140.S as well as point FCL.230.S (sailplane pilot recency);
 - (iii) points FCL.130.B(c) and FCL.220.B (recency for tethered balloon flight);
 - (iv) points FCL.140.B and FCL.230.B(a) (balloon pilot recency)
 - (v) point FCL.805(e) (towing rating recency);
 - (vi) point FCL.830(d) (sailplane cloud flying recency).

(c) For the application of all of the following recency requirements of Part-BFCL to Regulation (EU) 2018/395

The time period is extended as follows:

- (1) to the last 30 months, in the case of all of the following:
 - (i) points (a)(1)(i), (a)(2) and (f)(1) of point BFCL.160 (balloon pilot recency);
 - (ii) point BFCL.215(d)(2) (commercial operation rating recency);
- (2) to the last 56 months, in the case of all of the following:
 - (i) point BFCL.160(a)(1)(ii) (balloon pilot recency);
 - (ii) point BFCL.200(d) (recency for tethered balloon flight);
- (3) to the last 300 days, in the case of point BFCL.215(d)(1) (commercial operation rating recency);
- (4) to the last 3 years and 8 months, in the case of point BFCL.360(a)(1) (balloon instructor recency).



(d) For the application of all of the following recency requirements of Part-SFCL to Regulation (EU) 2018/1976

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The time period is extended as follows:

- (1) to the last 2 years and 8 months, in the case of all of the following:
 - (i) point SFCL.155(c) (sailplane launching methods);
 - (ii) point SFCL.205(f) (sailplane towing or banner towing rating);
 - (iii) point SFCL.215(e) (sailplane cloud flying rating);
- (2) to the last 30 months, in the case of points (a) and (b) of point SFCL.160 (sailplane pilot recency).
- (3) to the last 3 years and 8 months, in the case of point SFCL.360(a)(1) (sailplane instructor recency).

Summary of mitigating measures:

- (1) **Holders of class ratings, type ratings, instrument ratings, mountain ratings or language proficiency endorsements** benefiting from point (a) of this exemption (see field "Summary of the exemption") shall comply with all of the following:
 - (a) they shall hold a valid relevant rating and, if applicable, a valid language proficiency endorsement;
 - (b) they shall, during the application period of this Exemption, have received a briefing from an instructor who holds relevant instructional privileges in order to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge to safely operate the applicable class or type and to safely carry out the relevant manoeuvres and procedures, as applicable. That briefing shall include class – or type – specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate.
- (2) Upon successful completion of the briefing as per point (b), the new expiry date of the relevant rating and, if applicable, the language proficiency endorsement, shall be endorsed in the licence of the pilot by an examiner acting in accordance with point FCL.1030; as applicable (administrative instructions will be made available on <https://www.ilent.nl/onderwerpen/examinatoren-luchtvaart/eu-fcl-examinatoren-nl/vereiste-documenten>)
- (3) **Instructors and examiner certificate holders** benefiting from point (a) of this exemption (see field "Summary of the exemption") shall hold a valid instructor and, if applicable, a valid examiner certificate. The new expiry date of the certificate shall be endorsed in the licence or certificate of the pilot, by a (senior) examiner acting in accordance with point FCL.1030, as applicable (administrative instructions will be made available on <https://www.ilent.nl/onderwerpen/examinatoren-luchtvaart/eu-fcl-examinatoren-nl/vereiste-documenten>).



- (4) **Applicants for a licence, rating or certificate** benefiting from point (a)(3)(vi) of this exemption (see field "Summary of the exemption") shall have received additional training, if deemed necessary by the ATO or the DTO, in consultation with the ILT.
- (5) **Holders of licences as per Part-FCL, Part-BFCL and Part-SFCL** benefitting from point (b), (c) or (d) of this Exemption (see field "Summary of the exemption") shall, during the application period of this Exemption, have received a briefing from an instructor who holds relevant instructional privileges in order to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge to safely operate the applicable aircraft and to carry out the relevant manoeuvres and procedures, as applicable. That briefing shall include specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate to the category, class and type of aircraft as well as to the relevant kind of privileges, as applicable.
- (6) **Part-MED medical certificate holders** benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid medical certificate without limitations, except visual ones.
- (7) **Part-MED aero-medical examiner certificate holders** benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid aero-medical examiner certificate.

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