## ICAO COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

### 1. State Letters and Electronic Bulletins

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<td>New guidance for civil aviation authorities (CAAs) on the management of aviation safety risks related to COVID-19, and supporting webinar and virtual classroom course States are invited to: note the information; share practical examples and tools for posting on the Safety Management Implementation (SMI) website; register for webinar and virtual classroom course. To further enhance the guidance provided in Doc 10144, practical examples and tools are being collected for sharing on a new page of the Safety Management Implementation (SMI) website (<a href="http://www.icao.int/smi-covid19srm">www.icao.int/smi-covid19srm</a>). Nomination of a Subject Matter Expert for the Task Force on health issues outbreaks in aviation A dedicated ad hoc Task Force on Health Issues Outbreaks in Aviation has been established, as one of the many actions taken by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to address the COVID-19 pandemic, both in the short and long-term, in order to assist Member States in enhancing their preparedness planning for any future, similar health related event. The mandate of the Task Force is to review and update, as required, existing “health related” Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of Annex 9 — Facilitation to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and related guidance material, as well as to recommend the adoption of new SARPs as deemed necessary. Participation in the Task Force is open to subject matter experts (SMEs), nominated by Member States, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), and other relevant United Nations and Observer organizations, such as, but not limited to, the Airports Council International (ACI) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). States are requested to return Attachment B no later than 30 June 2020, along with a brief curriculum vitae and contact details of a nominated subject-matter expert. Speedy authorization of “repatriation flights” during the COVID-19 pandemic period States are invited to facilitate the operations of all designated “repatriation flights” during the COVID-19 pandemic by reviewing their authorization procedures and exercising flexibility in their approaches for granting all necessary authorizations for the entry, departure and transit of aircraft carrying out such operations whether by State aircraft, humanitarian flights or chartered commercial flights. States are also encouraged to share with ICAO any information on the measures taken and any difficulties encountered during this period as regards the authorization and operation of “repatriation flights”.</td>
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### Operational measures to ensure safe operations during the COVID-19 pandemic

States are urged to inform ICAO of any temporary differences that may arise from the State’s COVID-19 contingency measures, particularly those related to licensing and certification. States should also indicate, in general terms, whether the State will recognize or accept the validity of certificates and licenses affected by the special temporary measures of other States. The aforementioned information can be provided by the National Continuous Monitoring Coordinator (NCMC) or any other authorized user:

- a) via the CCRD sub-system accessible through the EFODs dashboard; or
- b) by sending an off-line CCRD form available on the ICAO COVID-19 Operational Safety Measures public website by email to ops@icao.int.

Guidance on how to submit the information is provided on the ICAO COVID-19 Operational Safety Measures public website.

States are also encouraged to share with ICAO any information on the measures taken during this period providing links when possible. This information should be sent to ops@icao.int. All information, including CCRD reports, will be made available on the public website ([https://www.icao.int/safety/COVID-19OPS](https://www.icao.int/safety/COVID-19OPS)).

### Implementation of contingency arrangements to reduce the risks of the spread of COVID-19

Member States to review existing or planned air traffic services contingency arrangements; note the importance of avoiding undue or inadvertent restrictions

Adherence to relevant ICAO Annex 9 Facilitation Standards and Actions taken by Member States to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) by air transport and to protect the health of air travelers and the aviation personnel - Urging Member States to:

- a) establish National Facilitation Committees in line with Annex 9 Standard 8.19;
- b) adhere to Annex 9 Standards 4.7 and 8.8 related to air cargo operations;
- c) take into account the guidance material in relation to screening measures; and
- d) provide ICAO with their actions taken to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) by air transport aiming at protecting the health of air travelers and aviation personnel, no later than 30 April 2020.

[https://www.icao.int/Security/COVID-19/Pages/StateActions.aspx](https://www.icao.int/Security/COVID-19/Pages/StateActions.aspx)

### State support to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Urging Member States to:

- a) implement relevant provisions of Annex 9;
- b) become a member of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA);
- c) enhance effectively National FAL Committees by clarifying roles and responsibilities of public health and civil aviation authorities during outbreaks;
- d) implement effective collaboration and coordination strategies with all stakeholders; and
- e) provide financial and in-kind assistance or support to the CAPSCA Programme.

This Electronic Bulletin replaces [EB 2020/30](https://www.icao.int/Security/COVID-19/Pages/StateActions.aspx) dated 11 May 2020, as well as its attached guidance on Implementing a Public Health Corridor to Protect Flight Crew during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The updated guidance relating specifically to flight crew conducting essential cargo, maintenance, ferry, and delivery flight operations is appended to this Electronic Bulletin and will
be published on the CAPSCA website (www.capsca.org). This guidance is complementary to and consistent with the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis (27 May 2020, https://www.icao.int/covid/cart/Pages/CART-Take-off.aspx). Further guidance addressing humanitarian, repatriation and scheduled passenger flights is also under development through CAPSCA.

**EB 2020/30**
11/05/2020
Implementing a [Public Health Corridor](https://www.icao.int) to Protect Flight Crew During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Cargo Operations)

**EB 2020/27**
05/05/2020

**EB 2020/09**
30/01/2020
Ongoing Developments Regarding the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Outbreak – updated information to all States

**EB 2020/06**
24/01/2020
Novel Corona Virus Epidemic in China – information to all States

**ICAO EUR/NAT 20-0187**
26/03/2020
Temporary accommodation measures due to COVID-19 for non-NAT DLM compliant aircraft in the NAT airspace

**ICAO EUR/NAT 20-0186**
25/03/2020
Template NOTAM for reduced services at aerodromes due to COVID-19

Declaration adopted by the ICAO Council at the Fourth Meeting of the 219th Session on 9 March 2020 urged Member States and stakeholders to apply existing regulations and guidance, apply existing recommendations and guidance provided by the WHO, foster and implement a culture of collaboration and information sharing among public health and civil aviation authorities through the establishment of National Facilitation Committees comprising all relevant entities, in line with ICAO provisions; proactively join, contribute to and assist the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA); and take the necessary actions to maintain the sustainability of air transport and the highest level of safety.
2. Technical Information, Tools and Operational Measures

ICAO COVID-19 crisis management reference material has been gathered and made available in one place.

Chicago Convention (Article 14 Prevention of spread of disease; Article 22 Facilitation of formalities)
Annex 9 — Facilitation (Standard 2.31; Standard 2.32; Standard 2.4; Standard 8.12; Standard 8.15; Standard 8.16; Standard 8.17 and 8.18; Standard 8.19; Appendix 1; Appendix 11; Appendix 12; Appendix 13)
Annex 6 — Operation of Aircraft; Part I — International Commercial Air Transport — Aeroplanes (Chapter 6)
Annex 14 — Aerodromes; Volume I — Aerodrome Design and Operations (Standard 9.1.3)
Assembly Resolution A35-12: Protection of the health of passengers and crews and prevention of the spread of communicable disease through international travel
Article 43 (3) of IHR 2005 (Article 13 Public health response)
Doc 8984 - Manual of Civil Aviation Medicine (Doc 8984)
Doc 9957 — The Facilitation Manual (Excerpts from Chapter 8)
Doc 10042 — Model National Air Transport Facilitation Programme
Aviation Medicine — Guidelines for States Concerning the Management of Communicable Disease Posing a Serious Public Health Risk
New* Doc 10144 - Handbook for Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) on the Management of Aviation Safety Risks related to COVID-19

- OPERATIONAL SAFETY MEASURES

COVID-19 Contingency Related Differences (CCRD) - With reference to State Letter AN 11/55-20/50, a CCRD sub-system has been created in the existing Electronic Filing of Differences (EFOD) system to capture any differences from ICAO Standards on certification and licensing that may arise from mitigation measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is accessible via the USOAP dashboard. States can notify their temporary differences: via the CCRD sub-system accessible through the EFODs dashboard; or by sending an off-line CCRD form available on the ICAO COVID-19 Operational Safety Measures public website by email to ops@icao.int. There is no restriction on who can fill out the off-line form. However, it may only be submitted by the National Continuous Monitoring Coordinator (NCMC) or an authorized user from a Member State, who are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information provided. https://www.icao.int/safety/COVID-19OPS/Pages/ccrd.aspx

Quick Reference Guides (QRGs) have been developed by ICAO, with the support of relevant subject matter experts, to give an overview of a particular subject area that might be under consideration by a State for alleviations. These may be for areas which will require the filing of a temporary difference using the COVID-19 Contingency Related Difference (CCRD) tool, or may refer to areas, such as training, where the State has the authority to allow for exemptions, and extensions without needing to notify ICAO. The QRGs have been grouped according to specific operational areas, and are presented in tabular format as individual PDFs addressing a single alleviation. These can be downloaded and used as guidance by any State when developing specific alleviations in their own State. https://www.icao.int/safety/COVID-19OPS/Pages/QRGs.aspx
Areas

Accident and Incident Investigation (AIG)

Aerodromes (AGA)

Air Navigation Services (ANS)

Aircraft Operations (OPS)

Airworthiness (AIR)

Licensing (PEL)

Aviation Medicine (MED)

Dangerous Goods (DG)

Documents

ATCO recency requirement extension_v1.1
ATCO training alleviation as a consequence of COVID-19 spread_v1.1
Periodicity of flight inspection of radio navigation aids_v1.0
Pilot Proficiency Checks_v1.0
Operational and Airworthiness considerations for the TCPC
Minimum Cabin Crew Requirements when Transporting Cargo in the Passenger Cabin_v1.0
Aeroplane recent experience - Pilot-In-Command area, route and aerodrome (ARA) qualifications_v1.0
Helicopter recent experience - Pilot-In-Command Operational Qualification_v1.0
Flight Crew Member Training Programmes_v1.0
Recent experience requirements - pilot-in-command, co-pilot and cruise relief pilot_v2.0
Variations to existing flight and duty time limitations_v1.1
Cabin Crew Recurrent Training Requirements_v1.0

Continued validity of maintenance organization approvals_v1.0
Operators’ continuing airworthiness responsibilities_v1.0
Flight crew licence and rating validity extension_v2.0
Medical certificate validity extension_v1.0
Recurrent dangerous goods training_v1.0

COVID-19 Operational Safety Measures - State Letter AN 11/55-20/50 detailed the means by which States can provide information on temporary differences to the Standards in ICAO Annexes. In considering applying a temporary difference, States may need to consider the impact of these measures on the safety of the operations and develop requirements for mitigations to be in place for operators affected. Some provisions in the Annexes do not require a State to file a temporary difference, as the Standard does not specify specific limits which are exceeded by the alleviations. While there is no requirement to file differences, temporary changes to State regulations may need to be carefully considered, as part of a comprehensive risk assessment. The sub-pages below present elements that should be considered by States and Operators under the current circumstances, broken down into specific subject areas as follows: Aerodromes (AGA); Accident and Incident (AIG); Airworthiness (AIR) and Regional Cooperation.
COVID-19 CAA SUPPORT MATERIALS

COVID-19 Airport Status - The Application displays COVID-19 related information per State as available through the NOTAM service.

Flight Data Application (Infectious disease)

New* ICAO Implementation Packages (I-Packs) - An I-Pack is intended to be a self-contained package composed of the relevant: guidance material, including ICAO Annexes, Documents, Circulars, best-practices papers or other associated guidance material; standardized training, including standardized and competency-based trainings, in classroom, online or virtual formats; tools, including data-driven applications, online reporting systems, electronic management systems or questionnaire/surveys; subject matter expertise, including the provision of experts to support States in their activities; and guidance for procurement, with regards to the purchase of infrastructure or equipment. I-packs are developed and implemented in full alignment with the measures and recommendations contained in the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) Report and are a key element for their implementation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT

Economic impact of COVID-19 – ICAO is actively monitoring the economic impacts on civil aviation and is regularly publishing updated reports and adjusted forecasts. The latest versions can be viewed below and all full reports are available here.

ICAO is working alongside ACI in monitoring the developments and leveraging their expertise and analysis conducted on the economic impacts of COVID-19 on airports.

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<td>• Economic model refined with additional factors</td>
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New* COVID-19 Air Traffic Dashboard - ICAO has also worked alongside the DGCA of Turkey to develop interactive dashboards to monitor four key aspects of the impact of COVID-19 on civil aviation - operational impacts, economic impacts, aircraft utilizations and impacts on country-pair traffic.

• TRAINING

COVID-19 Safety Risk Management - [here](#)

COVID-19 Webinar Series - The COVID-19 Webinar Series will present updates and information on the various ways ICAO is currently supporting the civil aviation community during the pandemic crisis. The series will be free of charge and hosted by leading international experts in their fields. [https://www.icao.int/Meetings/webinar-series/Pages/ScheduleAndRegistration.aspx](https://www.icao.int/Meetings/webinar-series/Pages/ScheduleAndRegistration.aspx)

ICAO WEBINAR SCHEDULE

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<td>COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC) English Webinar</td>
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## COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC)

### English Webinar
- Date: 14 July 2020
- Time: 1400 Cairo / 0800 EDT (Montreal time)
- Register: [Link](#) to register

### French Webinar
- Date: 15 July 2020
- Time: 1100 Paris / 0500 EDT (Montreal time)
- Register: [Link](#) to register

## Introducing ICAO UAS Model Regulations
- Date: 23 July 2020
- Time: 0900 EDT (Montreal time)
- Register: [Link](#) to register

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3. ICAO COVID-19 Specific Groups and Task Forces

COVID-19 Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) - The work of the ICAO Council’s Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) is aimed at providing practical, aligned guidance to governments and industry operators in order to restart the international air transport sector and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 on a coordinated global basis. The CART’s work on its recovery Report and the accompanying ‘Take-Off’ guidance for international aviation, has kept the health, safety, and security of the travelling public of paramount concern throughout. The CART recommendations and guidelines will be continuously reviewed and updated based on the latest medical and operational advice, and are intended to harmonize and not replace the COVID-19 recovery roadmaps currently established by States, Regions, or industry groups.

CART Report (now available here) - From the onset of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis, the aviation system has faced ever-growing challenges. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), through the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART), has resolved to partner with its Member States, international and regional organizations, and industry to address these challenges and to provide global guidance for a safe, secure and sustainable restart and recovery of the aviation sector.

CART Take-off guidance includes a section on Public Health Risk Mitigation Measures, in addition to the four operational modules. This document provides a framework for addressing the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic on the global aviation transportation system. The appendix to this document includes mitigations needed to reduce public health risk to air passengers and aviation workers while strengthening confidence among the travelling public, the global supply chain including, and governments. This will assist in accelerating demand for essential and non-essential air travel impacted by COVID-19.

- Public Health Mitigation Measures
- Airport Guidelines Module
- Aircraft Guidelines Module
- Crew Guidelines Module
- Cargo Guidelines Module

ICAO CART WEBINARS

12 June 2020, 1400 EDT (Montreal time) SAM Regional Office Webinar
In Spanish and English
Original recording in both English and Spanish is now available here. English recording is now available here.

Spanish recording is now available here.

16 June 2020, 1000 Dakar / 0600 EDT (Montreal time) WACAF Regional Office Webinar
In French
Recording is now available here.

16 June 2020, 1300 UTC / 1300 Dakar / 1500 Paris / 1600 Nairobi / 0900 EDT (Montreal time)
In English WACAF/ESAF/EURNAT Regional Office Webinar
Recording is now available here.

16 June 2020 1300 Mexico / 1400 EDT (Montreal time) NACC Regional Office Webinar
In Spanish
Recording is now available here.

17 June 2020, 1000 Paris / 0400 EDT (Montreal time) EURNAT Regional Office Webinar
In Russian
Recording is now available here.

18 June 2020 1000 UTC / 0600 EDT (Montreal time) MID Regional Office Webinar
In English
Recording is now available here.

Secretariat COVID-19 Emergency Programme Group (SCEPG) - The objectives of the SCEPG are: to coordinate, across all ICAO Bureaus and Regional Offices, the ICAO Secretariat activities aimed at managing the COVID-19 emergency and at supporting States and industry to: cope with the challenges faced by States and industry due to the COVID-19 pandemics in the immediate term; facilitate the restart of aviation operations in a sustainable, safe, secure and orderly manner as soon as practicable, taking into consideration the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and decisions by Public Health Authorities; build a more resilient aviation system in the longer term; and to provide Secretariat support to the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART).

ICAO COVID-19 Technical Group – Coordination platform with international organizations involved: ICAO, WHO, WFP, ACI, CANSO, FIATA, GEA, IATA, TIACA – strongly welcomed by the participating organizations in their press releases.

African Union COVID-19 Recovery High level Task Force - The objectives of this Task Force are to: steer the development of a comprehensive post-COVID-19 Recovery Strategy that will innovatively identify opportunities toward a stable and sustainable recovery for the African aviation industry; seek the required assistance at international, regional organizations/institutions and national frameworks/mechanisms, for the allocation of adequate resources to support the Recovery Plan of the aviation industry in Africa; and harmonize as well as oversee the implementation of the various initiatives put in place including the AU COVID-19 Stimulus Recovery Package to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on civil aviation in Africa. The task Force is to ensure that the African civil aviation industry well positioned on a strong trajectory for recovery during and post COVID-19. These should fulfil two purposes: (i) Protection of the interests of the various stakeholders against the onslaught of COVID-19; and (ii) sustainable development of air transport in Africa.

CAPSCA – Under the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA), international, regional, national and local organizations come together to combine efforts to improve preparedness planning and response to public health events that affect the aviation sector.

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such as communicable diseases (pandemic influenza, Zika, Ebola, Coronavirus) and other public health emergencies. This voluntary, cross-sectorial, multi-organizational programme is managed by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO). CAPSCA is distributing information material, updates and ensuring coordination among aviation stakeholders, International Organizations, States and public health stakeholders. Regional CAPSCA networks coordination teleconferences are held.

http://www.capsca.org/CoronaVirusRefs.html#StateRefs
https://www.icao.int/safety/aviation-medicine/Pages/default.aspx

The CAPSCA Programme has developed a strategy known as the Public Health Corridor Concept. This strategy describes how to manage, from an aviation perspective, essential flights that would allow aircraft and crew to perform with minimal additional burdens, while maintaining flight safety and preventing the transmission of COVID-19.

CAPSCA COVID-19 Survey requesting Member States and International Organizations to provide information about the restrictions and procedures in place for relief and cargo flights. The responses to this survey will be used in developing guidance material to ensure the minimum disruption to operations due to the implementation of health measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey is divided into 6 sections:

a. Flight exemptions, pre-authorizations and NOTAMs
b. Flight crew disembarking and lay-over considerations and procedures
c. Health measures and screening procedures upon arrival
d. Health measures and screening procedures upon departure
e. Health measures onboard aircraft
f. Aircraft disinfection and cargo handling.

• EUR/NAT HIGH LEVEL COVID-19 COORDINATION INITIATIVES

PAST EVENTS

4 ICAO EUR/NAT DGCA TELECONFERENCES were held, with the objective to inform about ICAO COVID-19 crisis response measures, share lessons learned and best practices and start the discussions on recovery planning.

8 June 2020, EUR/NAT DGCA Virtual Meeting on ICAO CART Public Health Measures: The Meeting Agenda focused on the following items: briefing on the ICAO guidance on aviation public health measures to minimise the COVID-19 associated risks; information about the ICAO existing and future (virtual) assistance programme; round table discussion with DGs CAA, European Regional and International Organizations to share information on implementation related issues, developments and plans in this regard.

20 April 2020, Teleconference with DGs from the Maghreb States in the North African part of the EUR Region, with a special focus on operational Safety measures.

16 April 2020, Teleconference with DGs from the eastern part of the EUR Region: The meeting had a special focus on some of the crisis response measures and actions required from States to the ICAO SL AN 11/55-20/50 dated 3 April 2020, including those related to operational issues, maintenance of aviation licenses, approvals and certificates for preparedness to resume normal operations once the crisis is over.

8 April 2020, Teleconference with EUR/NAT DGs and Regional Aviation Organizations: Two specific requests
for assistance from ICAO were mentioned. One was about the need for ICAO guidance on the duration of the licenses/certificates extension that could be recommended. The second is about assistance required from design and manufacturing organizations to States in their work on extension of certificates of airworthiness.

**ICAO EUR/NAT WEBSITE LINK** – The *ICAO COVID-19 Mitigation Measures* link includes a summary available to States and the general public with all the mitigation measures ICAO has undertaken to date and it is updated on a weekly basis.

### 4. News releases

- **Singapore and the United Kingdom commence trials to improve public health safety for aircrew**
  - 6/7/20
- **New PNR Data Standards amendment to improve global counter-terrorism efforts**
  - 3/7/20
- **ICAO Council agrees to the safeguard adjustment for CORSIA in light of COVID-19 pandemic**
  - 30/6/20
- **ICAO Secretary General contributes to WEF meeting on aerospace, aviation, travel and tourism**
  - 18/6/20
- **ICAO begins global roll-out of COVID-19 response and recovery guidelines**
  - 12/6/20
- **ICAO Council adopts new COVID-19 aviation recovery ‘Take Off’ guidelines to reconnect the world**
  - 1/6/20