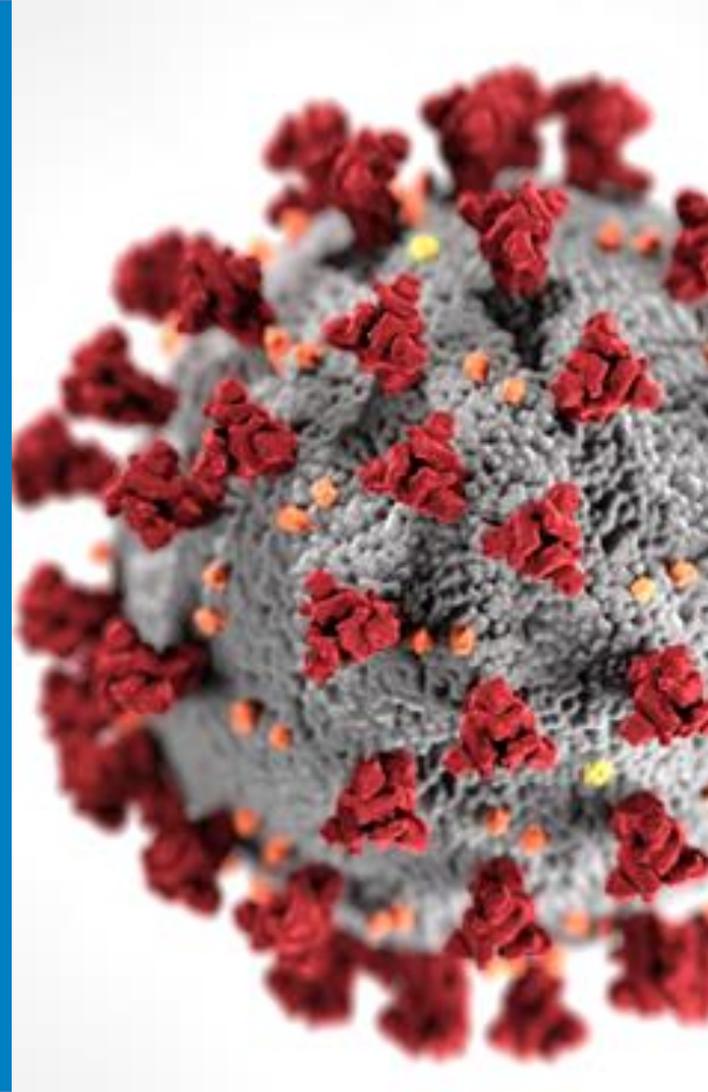


# EASA response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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# Business continuity

- EASA headquarter still open with 90% staff working from home.
- Trying to keep up most activities to the extent possible, with comprehensive involvement at management, infrastructure (VPN licences & bandwidth) and HR level.
- All business trips cancelled but majority of tasks requiring stakeholder contact continued through remote contact (tele or videoconference). Some activities postponed, for instance flight testing.
- Guidance material put in place to ensure consistent approaches across the Agency.

# Exemptions

- Covid-19 caused a sudden disruption of operations and required specific action to extend validity of documents.
- Exemption templates allow Member States the extension of validity periods for various European licenses, ratings and certificates.
- Specific Template/Form exempting cargo crew members from quarantine.
- Further exemption templates are being introduced as needed.

# Support to medical transport

- Many requests for advice/approval of special aircraft use due to COVID-19.
- Additional demand for passenger aircraft to transport specialised equipment, medical supplies and goods.
- EASA has the expertise to evaluate the installation and/or carriage items which pose technical and safety challenges.
- Handling of such requests is with highest priority and related approvals are processed free of charge for industry.
- For passenger aircraft used for cargo EASA has published corresponding material for specific airworthiness approvals.

# Guidance for flight operations

EASA publications, including Safety Directives (SD), Safety Information Bulletins (SIB) guidance material and notifications related to COVID 19:

- 2 SDs, one for the Member States (EU 27, NO, CH, IS, UK), one for TCOs, mandating the disinfection of aircraft.
- SIB 2020-02 providing operational recommendations to operators.
- Guidance on management of Crew Members.
- Guidance for helicopter operations.

# Standardisation and oversight

EASA will not raise standardisation findings during COVID 19 period.

Competent Authorities are advised to:

- Identify essential oversight to be maintained as far as possible;
- Perform a risk assessment if other oversight activities can be reduced, postponed or cancelled;
- Mitigate consequences of reduced oversight as far as possible, e.g. through telcons with approval holders, desktop reviews, data analyses etc;
- Develop recovery plans to prepare for the re-establishment of oversight activities.

# Recovery and Communication



- EASA is currently preparing for the post-Covid 19 recovery phase.
- Emphasis will be on industry support.
- Coordination with ICAO HQ, participation in CAPSA, coordination with DG SANTE, involvement in EU TF for repatriation of citizens.
- Available EASA material shared with worldwide stakeholders including EUR region.
- EASA web page with up to date information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/coronavirus-covid-19>

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