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**Subject: 7th Freedom Traffic Rights for Air Cargo Webinar
(6 July 2021, 11:00 – 14:30 UTC)**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to my Invitation Letter File Ref.: AS 9 – 21/088 dated 10 June 2021 regarding the 7th Freedom Traffic Rights for Air Cargo Webinar (attached for ease of reference). I would like to confirm that the Webinar will be held virtually, on **6 July 2021**, from 11:00 to 14:30 UTC.

The Provisional Programme of the Webinar is at **Attachment A** and is available on the ICAO MID Office website at <https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2021/7th%20freedom%20Webinar.aspx>.

I am pleased to inform you that, with the support of the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO), the Webinar will be conducted in both English and Arabic languages, with interpretation service provided using Zoom.

It would be highly appreciated if you could, as soon as possible, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by completing the online registration using the following link: https://icao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_18xi2EfuSdmxUvBvClkIcg

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mohamed Smaoui
Acting Regional Director
Middle East Office

Attachments

- Invitation Letter Ref.: AS 9 – 21/088 dated 10 June 2021
- Provisional Programme



7th Freedom Traffic Rights for Air Cargo Webinar
(Virtual, 6 July 2021, 11:00 – 14:30 UTC)

Agenda

Concept:

The webinar “7th freedom traffic rights for air cargo” is part of a series on air cargo matters through which ICAO is raising awareness for Recommendation #16 of the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART). This recommendation builds upon recent ICAO guidance and encourages at least the temporary lifting of restrictions to air cargo operations, including but not limited to granting extra-bilateral rights, in particular for all-cargo services. raising awareness among States’ civil aviation administrations, economic regulators, and industry stakeholders of the importance of this recommendation to vaccine transport in the near-term and global economic recovery in the long-term. Tailored to the States in the ICAO Middle East region, this edition will focus on how expanded traffic right and other economic measures relevant to air cargo will deliver benefits: What challenges can expanded traffic rights resolve? What are the various means states have used to implement the solutions encouraged by CART Recommendation 16? How does Recommendation #16 and other new ICAO guidance benefit air cargo in the long term? It will also highlight the new ICAO priority brief on air cargo, which includes additional recommendations for their consideration.

11.00 – 11.10	Opening Session Acting Regional Director, MID Office Director General of ACAO
11.10 – 11.45	Overview presentation Cortney Robinson, Air Transport Officer (Air Cargo), Economic Regulatory Framework, Air Transport Bureau, ICAO
11.45 – 13.00	Session 1 – Regulatory Tools for Expanding Market Access Through Traffic Rights Moderator: Cortney Robinson, ICAO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Martin MacKenna, Secretary of JAC (Chile) (multilateral/LACAC perspective)• Mr. Glyn Hughes, TIACA (industry perspective)• Mr. John Byerly, Former Chief U.S. Aviation Negotiator*
13.10 – 14.00	Session 2 – The Link Between Expanded Traffic Rights and Trade Facilitation Moderator: Mr. Carlos Grau Tanner, Global Express Association (GEA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jesse Nicol, World Trade Organization (WTO)• Mr. Sanjeev Gadhia, Astral Aviation• Mr. Abdennebi Manar, Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO)• Mr. Ali Rajab, General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) Saudi Arabia
14.00 – 14.30	Q&A, Outcomes and Closing Remarks ICAO Secretariat

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Objectives:

- Explain in detail CART Rec 16 through engaging panelists the reasons for and experience in implementation of such measures.
- Promote and gather feedback on new ICAO priority brief on air cargo.
- Communicate the importance of connectivity in the future supply chain (COVID-19 times).
- Highlight the special situation of the least developed countries (LDCs).

Outcomes:

- Stakeholder community informed on CART Rec 16 and takes necessary regulatory actions.
- Stakeholders informed vis-à-vis recommendations in ICAO priority brief.

States to target:

- Major trade/transport markets.
- Regional LDCs.

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