



Briefing from Egypt





Actions taken by Arab Republic of Egypt to Prevent spread of COVID-19

ECAA issued ECAA Safety Information/decisions:

- ECAA Safety Information Bulletin Number 2020-01, March 2020, regarding operational measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and alternate Procedure in case of Emergency, in cooperation with Egyptian Ministry of Public health
- ECAA Safety Decision Number 2020-02, March 2020, regarding Flexibility Provisions due to Novel Coronavirus (Pilot license and others licenses)
- ECAA Safety Decision number 2020-03, March 2020, regarding Flexibility Provisions due to Novel Coronavirus (Maintenance Engineer License, AMO, AOC, other Certificates)



Actions taken by Arab Republic of Egypt to Prevent spread of COVID-19

- The Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority issued risk assessment for the spread of covid-19, also all Civil Aviation Ministry's affiliates issued their own risk assessment.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation is working closely with the Ministry of Public Health and the Quarantine Authority to ensure fully commitment and implementation of recommendations and periodic instructions issued by the Ministry of Public Health.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation formed a committee to develop, manage, and follow-up an emergency response plan to cope with various scenarios of COVID-19 pandemic.



Procedures taken to restart operation during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Egyptian CAA issued Safety Decision 2020-04 on June 2020, updated November 2020, regarding Preventing Spread of (COVID-19) Guidelines/Instructions for Operators/Service providers/General operations, complying with new ICAO CART take-off guidance.
- In order to ensure the proper implementation of the above mentioned safety decision, the Egyptian CAA developed new checklists for audit and inspections for airports/operators/...etc.
- Conduct regular audit missions on main airports/ operators to ensure the commitment and proper implantation of Egyptian CAA safety decisions.
- Issue NOTAM on 30th of June regarding resuming flight operations from/to Egyptian airports, with some additional precautions



Procedures taken to restart operation during the COVID-19 Pandemic

In accordance with the instructions from the Egyptian Prime Minister and the Minister of Civil Aviation, Egypt issued procedures to decrease landing, parking and hangar charges by 50% and 20% for ground handling services in airports located in South Sinai (Sharm Elsheikh, Taba, St. Catherine, El tor), Masra Matrouh and Red Sea (Hurghada, M. Alam) provisions and Aswan/ Luxor airports.



Egypt's experience related to COVID-19 - CART Phase II -

Recommendation 12

- States should put in place the necessary measures to mitigate risks associated with prolonged regulatory alleviations and should not extend alleviations (both core and extended COVID-19 Contingency Related Differences (CCRDs)) beyond 31 March 2021, unless circumstances dictate otherwise. In addition, States are encouraged to facilitate access to medical and training facilities, including flight simulation training devices used for flight crew (national and foreign) to maintain their certifications, recently of experience and proficiency.

ECAA action

- Due to none availability of the simulator sometimes, there are extensions were given to some Air companies ends at 31st December 2020, which required the company to provide an accepted risk assessment to ECAA taking into account the maximum period for deviation from standard mentioned on the card, it will not exceed 31st March 2021.



Egypt's experience related to COVID-19 - CART Phase II -

Recommendation 13

- While testing is not universally recommended by public health authorities as a routine health screening method, States contemplating testing in their COVID-19 risk management strategy should apply the approach outlined in the ICAO Manual on Testing and Cross Border Risk Management Measures.

ECAA action

- Still under study by Preventive Medicine and the guidance for this ICAO draft DOC. 10152 “ ICAO Manual on Testing and Cross Border Risk Management Measures ” Compliance will be inserted in New Revision of ECAA decision No. 2020-04R3 which will be issued before January 8th, 2021 (according to ICAO EB 063).



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Recommendation 14

- States considering the formation of a Public Health Corridor (PHC) should actively share information with each other to implement PHCs in a harmonized manner. To facilitate implementation of PHCs, the ICAO Implementation Package (iPack) on establishing a PHC is available to States

ECAA Action

- Still under study ,the new requirements will be inserted in the new revision of ECAA decision No. 2020-04R3 (which will be issued before January 8th 2021, the dated of ICAO EB 063).
- This safety decision will be published on ECAA site www.civilaviation.gov.eg



Egypt's experience related to COVID-19 - Challenges -

- COVID-19 impact on Economy and its consequences.
- Unavailability of some simulators for Egyptian pilots due to lockdown.
- Lack of information relating Vaccine's different types and its transportation measurements and requirements.
- COVID-19 PCR test accuracy and its errors (we received some complains concerning the false results of PCR).
- ECAA Staff shortages relating to Precautionary measures (decrease staff).
- Outside inspection (foreign repair stations,) are not performed regularly due to several lockdowns.
- Social distancing at (airports, offices ,.....)
- Social distancing onboard of aircrafts



Egypt's experience related to COVID-19 - Lessons learned -

- Issuing strong Civil aviation communications and connections with others governmental sectors (medical, securities entity,) which helped to implement the safety goals (safety, luxury,) for passengers and properties.
- The importance of depending on modern technology which greatly assist all Civil Aviation Sectors specially during lockdown and decreasing employment, and held meetings and interviews online.



Egypt's experience related to COVID-19 - Needs -

More information from ICAO related COVID-19 Vaccine and the requirements and measurements of transportation (especially if there is any affection on safety of aircraft)



Thank You

