

Exemption Notification Article 71(1)

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Article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139

Exemption with duration (cumulative) up to 8 months Notification Form

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Notifying State									
Member or Associated State / National Authority	LT								
Reference of the notification from the State	TCA decision No. 2-68 dated as 2020-03-25								
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Exemption		
Title	Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity periods for licences, ratings, endorsements, certificates and attestations of air traffic controllers.	
Domain	ATCO - Air Traffic Controllers	
Exemption Requirements	Related Regulation	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340
	Sub-part	Part ATCO - Air Traffic Controllers
	Exemption requirements	- points ATCO.B.020, ATCO.B.035, ATCO.C.020, ATCO.C.040 and ATCO.C.060 of Annex I (Part-ATCO) - points ATCO.MED.A.045 and ATCO.MED.C.025 of Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED)
Repetitive Exemption	No, duration up to 8 months	
Duration of exemption	2020-03-25 to 2020-07-31	

Summary of the exemption

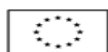
Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption (see field "Summary of mitigations"), with regard to licences, ratings, endorsements, certificates and attestations issued by Transport competence agency (TCA), including associated medical certificates and reports, all of the following shall apply:

Licences, endorsements and certificates issued in accordance with Annex I (Part-ATCO) and Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED) to Regulation (EU) 2015/340

The validity period of all of the following is extended by 4 months or until the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever is the shorter period of time, in the case of:

- (1) ATCO unit endorsements as per point ATCO.B.020 of Part-ATCO;
- (2) Part-ATCO Class 3 medical certificates as per point ATCO.MED.A045 of Part-ATCO.MED;
- (3) ATCO language proficiency endorsements as per point ATCO.B.035 of Part-ATCO.
- (4) practical instructor endorsements (OJTI and STDI) as per points ATCO.C.020, ATCO.C.040 of Part-ATCO;
- (5) assessor endorsements as per point ATCO.C.060 of Part-ATCO;
- (6) privileges of Part-ATCO.MED aeromedical examiner certificates related to Class 3 medical certificates.

If, towards the end of the period specified in the introductory sentence of this point (c), the competent authority considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption still apply, the validity period of the endorsement or the certificate may be further extended for a period of up to 4 months or the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever date comes first.

Reasons for granting it

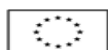
**Urgent
unforeseeable
circumstances**

The COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in drastic travel restrictions and closure of borders between a majority of States.

- Holders of air traffic controller licences as per Regulation (EU) 2015/340 experience difficulties in both the use of synthetic training devices (STDs) to complete their scheduled recurrent training / assessment activities and the access to examination for maintaining their language proficiency.

- Holders of air traffic controller licences and associated on-the-job-training instructor and practical instructor endorsements who are required to complete refresher training in order to continue to exercise their training and assessment privileges are not able to complete their scheduled refresher training activities.

- Holders of Class 3 medical certificates issued in accordance with Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED) to Regulation (EU) 2015/340 who are required to undergo a recurrent medical examination to revalidate their Class 3 medical certificate to continue to exercise their licence privileges on behalf of their air navigation service provider (ANSP) are not able to timely reach or gain access to an AME or AeMC to complete the necessary medical examination. In addition, in many cases medical examiners have been reassigned to support the COVID-19 outbreak in their State. This would result in expiry of said certificates.



	Urgent operational needs	As a result of the extreme operational and resource constraints caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, it is needed to apply this exemption to holders of European licences, ratings, certificates and attestations as well as operators/ANSPs/maintenance organisations when the said circumstances are declared to the CA by either the holder (of the licence, rating, endorsement, certificate or attestation) or the operator/ANSP/maintenance organisation to ensure a certain level of business continuity for organisations for which Annex III (Part-ORO) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 or Annex I and Annex IV of Regulation (EU) No 2015/340 are applicable. This Exemption aims to reduce the severity of the disruptions that would otherwise occur due to non-availability of a sufficient number of crew members as well as ATCOs and aircraft maintenance licence holders to operate on behalf of said organisations.
Summary of mitigating measures	Safety, environmental protection	<p>A) Safety:</p> <p>(1) In the case of ATCO unit endorsements as well as instructor and assessor endorsements in ATCO licences, the air navigation service provider (ANSP) should ensure that the potential unavailability of STDs is mitigated by other means, e.g. computer-based training or the rescheduling refresher training as soon as possible.</p> <p>(2) In the case of ATCO language proficiency endorsements, in the case of unavailability of an LABs, ANSPs should ensure that language training is ensured through other means, e.g. online courses.</p> <p>B) Environment:</p> <p>The circumstances and needs addressed by the exemption do not have an impact on environment</p>
	Market distortion	Due to the exceptional circumstances affecting all EU Member States, and given its limited duration, the exemption does not have a distorting effect on the market conditions.
	Essential requirements	Not applicable.
Type of Operation	N/A	
Non-approved change/repair	N/A	

Concerned Entity(ies)	
Concerned entity	Organisation
Concerned entity details	Holders of licences, ratings, certificates, endorsements and attestations issued by Transport competence agency (TCA) in accordance with the Regulations specified above in the field "Exempted requirements"



Product	N/A
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Attached Documentation

MS Original Granting Document	 2020-03-25 No. 2-68.pdf
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