CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTIVE (CAD-PEL/OPS) 01/2020

Subject: Exemptions in regard to PEL and OPS due to COVID-19 Outbreak (Extension of different Validity Periods).

1. In response to the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 outbreak all operators, flight crews and cabin crews will be exempted, wherever normal revalidation facilities and opportunities are not available, from the requirements of few provisions of Civil Aviation Rules-1984 (CAR-84) as mentioned in paragraphs 3.a to 3.f of this directive, as appropriate, subject to any conditions therein.

2. This Directive shall be applicable for the holders of Flight Crew License issued under Air Navigation Orders (ANOs) promulgated by the Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) and the Cabin crews performing duties in any Air Operator Certificate (AOC) holder of Bangladesh.

3. The Exemptions are appended below:

   a. **Exemption from Rule-126 (3) (J) and Rule-21A (16) of CAR-84:** All flight crews are hereby exempted from the standard validity periods as mentioned in CAR’84, Rule-126 (3) (J) for PPC and Rule-21A (16) for Instrument Ratings, which will be expired before 30 June 2020. In such cases, validity period shall be extended for 90 (Ninety) days from the date of expiry. All operators, for any of the Flight crew coming under this exemption, shall establish the new expiry date as per this clause and shall notify CAAB immediately;

   b. **Exemption from Rule -126 (3) (a) of CAR-84:** All flight crews are hereby exempted from the standard validity periods as mentioned in CAR’84, Rule -126 (3) (a) in relation to currency for takeoff/ landing which will be expired before 30 June 2020. In such cases, validity period shall be extended for 90 (Ninety) days from the date of expiry. All operators, for any of the Flight crew coming under this exemption, shall establish the new expiry date as per this clause and shall notify CAAB immediately;

   c. **Exemption from Rule-21A - 36 (a) and Rule-21A - 36 (b) of CAR-84:** All flight crews are hereby exempted from the standard validity periods as mentioned in CAR’84, Rule-21A - 36 (a) and Rule-21A - 36 (b) for the English Language Proficiency (ELP), which will be expired before 30 June 2020. In such cases, validity period shall be extended for 90 (Ninety) days from the date of expiry. All operators, for any of the Flight crew coming under this exemption, shall establish the new expiry date as per this clause and shall notify CAAB immediately;
d. **Exemption from Rule-21A (19) (21) and (24) of CAR'84:** All flight crews are hereby exempted from the standard validity periods as mentioned in CAR’84, Rule-21A (19) (21) and (24) for the medical validity, which will be expired before 30 June 2020. In such cases, validity period shall be extended for 90 (Ninety) days from the date of expiry. All operators, for any of the Flight crew coming under this exemption, shall establish the new expiry date as per this clause and shall notify CAAB immediately;

e. **Exemption from Rule -126 (1) (e), 2(a) (vi) of CAR 84:** All flight crews are hereby exempted from the standard validity periods as mentioned in CAR 84, Rule -126 (1) (e), 2(a) (vi) for Emergency and Safety Equipment Training and Other Ground Recurrent Training, which will be expired before 30 June 2020. In such cases, validity period shall be extended for 90 (Ninety) days from the date of expiry. All operators, for any of the Flight crew coming under this exemption, shall establish the new expiry date as per this clause and shall notify CAAB immediately;

f. **Exemption from Rule-157 (5) of CAR’ 84:** All cabin crews are hereby exempted from the standard validity periods as mentioned in CAR’ 84, Rule-157 (5) for the Annual Recurrent Training Program of cabin crew, which will be expired before 30 June 2020. In such cases, validity period shall be extended for 90 (Ninety) days from the date of expiry.

**Note**

1. The CAAB will keep above mentioned exemptions under constant review and react as necessary to the circumstances which are expected to change.
2. All operators using above mentioned exemptions for their license holders are to provide a spreadsheet monthly report to the CAAB detailing the extension of the validations under this Directive.
3. All personnel subject to the exemption provided by this Directive have to carry an attachment to their medical certificate/ license during performing their duties.
4. This Directive is issued in pursuant to the approval of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.
5. This Directive shall come in to force with immediate effect and shall be valid till 30 Jun 2020. However, this authority may address such exemption issues (with effect from 25 Mar 2020) under the guidelines of this directive.

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