

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

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

<b>Date of the Notification</b>	2020-04-08
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Exemption		
<b>Title</b>	Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity periods for licences, ratings, endorsements, certificates and attestations of aircrew, instructors, examiners, aircraft maintenance licence holders and air traffic controllers.	
<b>Domain</b>	ACW - Aircrew	
<b>Exemption Requirements</b>	<b>Related Regulation</b>	Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011
	<b>Sub-part</b>	Part-MED - Medical Requirements for Aircrew
	<b>Exemption requirements</b>	Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, particularly: - points MED.A.045, MED.C.030 and MED.D.030 of Annex IV (Part-MED)
<b>Repetitive Exemption</b>	No, duration up to 8 months	
<b>Duration of exemption</b>	2020-03-13 to 2020-11-13	

**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 the Directorate General "Civil Aviation Administration" of Republic of Bulgaria, including associated medical certificates and reports, all of the following shall apply:

(a) Licences, ratings, certificates and attestations issued in accordance with Annex IV (Part-MED) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

Provided that the regular validity period of all of the following expires between 13 March 2020 and 31 October 2020, that validity period is extended as follows:

(1) by 4 months or until the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever is the shorter period of time, in the case of:

(i) Part-MED Class 1 medical certificates of holders of the ratings and certificates specified in point (i) above;

(ii) Part-MED medical certificates;

(2) until the end of the application of this Exemption, in the case of:

(i) privileges of Part-MED aeromedical examiner certificates related to Class 1 medical certificates;

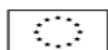
(ii) medical reports of cabin crew as per point MED.C.030 of Part-MED;

(iii) Part-MED aeromedical examiner certificates;

If, towards the end of the period specified in point (1), the Directorate General "Civil Aviation Administration" of Republic of Bulgaria considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption still apply, the validity period of the rating or certificate may be further extended for another 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.

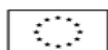
□ Holders of Part-MED Class 1 medical certificates who are required to undergo a recurrent medical examination to revalidate their Class 1 medical to continue to exercise their licence or certificate privileges on behalf of their operator are not able to timely reach or gain access to an aeromedical examiner (AME) or aeromedical centre (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.

□ Holders of a cabin crew medical report as per Annex IV (Part-MED) to Regulation 1178/2011 who are required to undergo a recurrent aero-medical assessment, in accordance with the applicable requirements of Part-MED, are not able to undergo aero-medical assessment.

□ Holders of aeromedical examiner certificates as per (Part-MED) to Regulation 1178/2011 who are required to perform medical examinations of the applicants for a Class 1 medical certificate in order to revalidate their relevant AME privileges are not able to timely reach or gain access to their competent authorities. This would result in expiry of said certificates.

□ Holders of Part-MED medical certificates who are required to undergo a recurrent medical examination to revalidate their medical certificate to continue to exercise their licence or certificate privileges are not able to timely reach or gain access to an aeromedical examiner (AME) or aeromedical centre (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.

□ Holders of aeromedical examiner certificates as per (Part-MED) to Regulation 1178/2011 who are required to perform medical examinations of the applicants for a medical certificate in order to revalidate their relevant AME privileges are not able to timely reach or gain access to their competent authorities. This would result in expiry of said certificates.





	<b>Urgent operational needs</b>	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 Directorate General "Civil Aviation Administration" of Republic of Bulgaria 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.
<b>Summary of mitigating measures</b>	<b>Safety, environmental protection</b>	<p>(1) Part-MED Class 1 medical certificate holders medical certificate holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid Class 1 medical certificate without limitations, except visual ones.</p> <p>(2) Part-MED cabin crew medical report holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid cabin crew medical report without limitations, except visual ones.</p> <p>(3) Part-MED medical certificate holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid medical certificate without limitations, except visual ones.</p> <p>(4) Part-MED aero-medical examiner certificate holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid aero-medical examiner certificate.</p> <p>(5) Part-MED aero-medical examiner certificate holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid aero-medical examiner certificate.</p> <p>The circumstances and needs addressed by the exemption do not have an impact on environment.</p>
	<b>Market distortion</b>	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.
<b>Type of Operation</b>	N/A	
<b>Non-approved change/repair</b>	N/A	

<b>Concerned Entity(ies)</b>	
<b>Concerned entity</b>	Organisation



<b>Concerned entity details</b>	Holders of licences, ratings, certificates, endorsements and attestations issued by Directorate General "Civil Aviation Administration" of Republic of Bulgaria in accordance with the Regulations specified above in the field "Exempted requirements"
<b>Product</b>	N/A

<b>Attached Documentation</b>	
<b>MS Original Granting Document</b>	 <a href="#">Exemption № BG-Ex-2020-06-MED FCL</a>
<b>Supporting Documentation</b>	 <a href="#">Covid-19 Art71(1) Template 1_08.04.2020-MED.pdf</a>

