

GACA Exemption No. 2020-118

General Regulatory Eexemption

In response to the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 outbreak and its impact on Saudi Arabian air operators, repair stations, and aviation maintenance technicians schools personnel certificates, the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), based on the Saudi Arabian Civil Aviation Law (Royal Decree No. M/44), GACA board of directors (Order No .T-41, dated 30/12/1429H – 28/12/2008G), GACAR (§11.5.c), GACAR (§11.7), and after considering the assessment report received from the Assistant President of Aviation Standards (ref no. AW/20/6088 dated 20/04/2020), the President of GACA is, hereby, granting this exemption to provide specific reliefs to Saudi Arabian air operators, repair stations, and aviation maintenance schools employing airmen certificated or authorized under GACAR Part-66 enabling them to exercise their privileges when their licenses or authorizations are no longer valid solely because the period of validity specified on the license has been passed, subject to the conditions set in this exemption. . The exemption provides means to support the implementation of preventative measures, reduce the spread of COVID-19, and protect the public health and safety of aircraft maintenance technicians and supporting staff.

Purpose

Grant of this exemption has been determined to be in the best interest of the aviation safety in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since it aims to protecting the aviation workers by reducing the administrative burdens imposed by the need to renew their licenses under the current national and international health protection measures.

This exemption extends the validity of GACA issued airman licenses and authorizations under GACAR Part-66 expiring on or after February 1st, 2020.

Applicability

This exemption applies to GACA certificated air operators under GACAR Part-119, aerial work operators under GACAR Part-133, repair stations under GACAR Part-145, pilot schools under GACAR Part-141, and aviation maintenance technician schools under GACAR Part 147 employing airmen certificated or authorized under GACAR Part-66 with licenses or authorizations expiring on or after February 1, 2020.

Conditions

This exemption is subject to the following conditions:

1. GACA certificated agencies defined under the applicability section of this exemption, must submit a complete list of their employed airmen affected by this exemption to GM airworthiness and copy to GM licenses and certificates with a request for the reliefs provided by this exemption.
2. This exemption applies while the certificate or authorization holders are being employed by, and under the management of a certificate holder as specified in (1) above.
3. An airman utilizing the relief of this exemption must have in his possession, or readily accessible, his airman certificate/authorization, and a copy of this exemption while exercising the privileges of his certificate/authorization during the validity period of this exemption.
4. AMTs exercising the privileges of this exemption must comply with the recent experience requirements stipulated in GACAR Part-66 (§ 66.69).

Expiry

This exemption terminates on 30th June 2020, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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