

Summary – Civil Aviation Industry Call for 25 March 2020

The call has now been expanded to provide a Civil Aviation update to the civil aviation industry touched by COVID 19.

Update from Nick Robinson, DG Civil Aviation TC

- Update since the last Monday call:
 - The Minister's press conference discussed that Canada has put in place a mandatory self-quarantine measure, making mandatory self-isolation that can be punishable by fine.
 - There is a clear carve out for the transportation sector for air crews that are not subject to the 14 quarantine. Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (AME), flight attendants, cargo handlers, deadheading crew are all carved out and are not subject to the 14 days self-isolation. But if a crew member was vacationing on personal time they are subject to the 14 day. An Interim Order enables those carve outs.
- Essential transportation employee and aviation employees:
 - We understand there is a patchwork of definitions. For the most part, most provinces and territories have made exemptions and have included transportation in their exemptions. TC is working to develop a universal definition of essential transportation staff across Canada. There is a lot of work being done to ensure the definition includes essential workers for civil aviation. There is a great deal of inclusiveness in the definition and clarifications will be shared soon.
- Crew health guideline about COVID-19:
 - A draft is being consulted right now with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), as well as with other government departments, and it will be finalized and shared as soon as possible and approved. Will be able to provide an update on Friday
- Additional measures:
 - We understand the uncertainty and frustration of the industry about the different jurisdictions. We are working with provinces and territories to try and streamline the Orders to diminish inconsistencies and provide more clarity. Health screening, passenger restrictions, a slew of different measures are being considered so that there is a greater consistency across the country.

Update from Wendy Nixon, DG Aviation Security

- International travel:
 - There are existing requirements for international passengers, and travel restriction for the Can/US border precluding non-essential travel across the border and mandatory quarantine order. This includes travel to and from Alaska.
- The interim order was updated yesterday to incorporate by reference the PHAC order that includes the health checks that applies to all international passengers. Posted on the TC website

and the CARAC system and the Aviation Security (AvSec) system as well. There is as well additional guidance available for border travel and the health checks that are required.

- Many discussions are happening on the domestic space around essential services and how the rules apply. Need for Air Carriers to help with the containment of the virus through health checks of passengers. There may be a requirement to deny boarding to passengers that are symptomatic in the future.

Update on Exemptions from Bob Sincennes, Director Standards for Civil Aviation:

- Training requirements: six (6) exemptions, covering relevant sections of CARs Part VI will be released. The inspectors have the current authority to extend for 60 days and the exemption will be to extend that authority to another 30 days for a total of 90 days for organizations that may require it.
- Pilot Proficiency Check (PPC), draft ready for CAR 704 and will be communicated shortly.
- Airline Check Pilot (ACP) and Advanced Qualification Program (AQP), bulletin update was communicated to associations, another is being worked on for monitors for another 6 months.
- Landing and takeoff training requirements. Night landing, there will be a solution that will allow for night vision goggles. Day landing will not be captured by exemption
- AMEs will have an exemption to push license renewal to later in the year.
- Internal Process Bulletin (IPB) issued on 25 March 2020 regarding maintenance schedules.
- Repair station and access, the Maintenance Implementation Protocol (IMP) is being worked on with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to come up with a mechanism that would work.
- Accountable executive for safety. TC is working on a policy for companies that decided to shut down in regards to returning the Airline Operating Certificate (AOC). No action will be taken by TC. Just need to advise the TC regional office. For companies that are partly shut down, no answer on that yet. Updates to be provided soon.
- A summary document will be published weekly by TCCA to provide recent and planned COVID-19 related activities. Dissemination of this information can be found via CARAC notice, tweets from DG CivAv Nicholas Robinsons, or under the aviation section on TC website [COVID-19 measures, updates, and guidance issued by Transport Canada](#)
- If you are not on the CARAC distribution list, please contact your association or email your contact information to Canadian Aviation Regulation Advisory Council at carrac@tc.gc.ca . If you are not receiving the exemptions, email Robert Sincennes (Robert.Sincennes@tc.gc.ca) to get the documents.

Round table:

- 704 operators and the 24months PPC exemption...how is that exemption being handled?
 - This exemption existed already; everyone that is expired is being grounded. Bob Sincennes is looking into it and will debrief at a future conference call.

- Does dangerous goods training also fall under 24 month training exemption? Under the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act*
 - ATAC noted that they made a request to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) directorate and there will be an extension that will be made this week and TDG will issue it.
- Atlantic Charters: PPC validity for 703 and 704. Issue with one knot speed....can we do temporary PPCs on that one aircraft?
 - Not a COVID-related issue. Was in existence prior to the crisis. Right now we are dealing with immediate extensions. Some of the problems that existed before COVID will have to be mitigated. This might be a good conversation to have with the POI that can package it for TC HQ.
- Is an exemption being made for pilot examiners and instructor ratings?
 - Exemptions will not be required as there is an extension process. Communications on the process being finalized.
- Extension for ACP training? Some are due in June, unless there is online available. Will there be leniency?
 - We are looking at this and more information will be coming in in a week or so.
- For medical certificates that expired in January, not clear from the exemption if it has to be current or if it could be extended. Seasonal operation aspect will be impacted.
 - TC can't exempt something that has expired. TC Medicine clarification on seasonal aspects of medical certificates will be provided more broadly.
- 705.124 CARs –training exemption for flight attendants?
 - Send an email to Bob Sincennes at TC with the issue.
- Maintenance extensions?
 - Will be looked at separately.
- Limitation on night currency... cannot do any training on 'live aircraft extensions'?
 - Send email to Bob Sincennes. Will be looked at as one-off case.
- Will there be a summary that will be coming out with all the regulatory work being done?
 - Every week there will be a summary that will show the exemptions that have come out during the week, and there will be hints on the new ones that are in the queue. First one will come out on Friday through CARAC.
- Any insight on the documentation that will be required by the Territories for critical workers. For Nunavut, there is a requirement to fill paperwork, and there is a backlog affecting air traffic control.

- The discussions that are happening are to try and address some of the burden that the provinces and territories are putting in place. We should soon have more consistency on this and a common approach.
 - Email John Hawkins (JHawkins@GOV.NU.CA) from Nunavut who can help with the essential worker paperwork for Nunavut.
- Any additional considerations for existing tolerances for maintenance? As this continues on, there will be difficulties accessing maintenance services
 - TC will share an IPB soon that will clarify
- Medical exemptions: Pilots/firefighters will be working through spring, any idea on medicals once August 1st comes around?
 - The first exemption on medicals is being re-evaluated right now and will try to align ourselves more globally in a subsequent exemption that will consider some seasonal situations.
- Can you confirm that you are not looking at a blanket exemptions for PPC and training and that it will be addressed through the regions?
 - Anything that an inspector can extend will be done by the inspector. With respect to PPC there will be an exemption specifically to address those soon.
- Training and PPC go hand in hand...90 days will be not enough...would need exemption until the next training cycle. Might have to extend later. Any update on the economic assistance?
 - For the exemption, are all done with a risk based analysis attached to them. For now our safety risk assessment requires that the new timeframe is the one that has been set.
 - Financial aid is something that the government is looking into for financial support. But nothing definitive right now.
- We need to be careful that the different tools that are being rolled out do not stack themselves and oppose each other.
 - That's what the FPT committee is doing behind the scenes work to avoid the patchwork we could face.
- We could use more details on the quarantine... with the press conferences that took place today, there was mention there would be details to follow. Is TC aware when the details will be coming out?
 - We can share with the community the Order that is coming out. As soon as we get info from CBSA and other departments we will share it. Information will be posted by the Government of Canada and we will ask our TC Communications to relink it on the TC Air side page to have it in one place.
- What are the tolerances for Maintenance Schedule Approvals (MSA)
 - The instructions (IPB) was issue on 25 March 2020 to the regional TC staff and associations. CARAC website to share information.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Next conference call is Friday at 1300hrs EST.
 - Invite has been sent. If you have not received the invite, please advise Patricia Leite-Cruz (Patricia.Leite-Cruz@tc.gc.ca)
- Twitter handle:
 - <https://twitter.com/dgaviationcan>
- Send clarification on seasonal aspect of medical certificate
 - Pending.
- Link to the aviation COVID-19 response TC site:
 - [COVID-19 measures, updates, and guidance issued by Transport Canada](#)
- Summary on the regulatory measures we are doing at TC will be sent Friday through CARAC
- IPB 2020-01 – Authorizing deviations from approved maintenance schedules made necessary by COVID-19 disruptions
 - Attached to email.