



## **SAFETY DECISION 2020-01**

### **Issue 02**

**Date of Issue: February 16, 2020**

#### **SUBJECT:**

RESTRICTIONS ON FLIGHTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

#### **REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:**

N/A

#### **APPLICABILITY:**

This Safety Decision applies to all aircraft operators conducting flights between the People's Republic of China and the UAE.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Following the global developments concerning the novel coronavirus (Covid-19, also known under the name 2019-nCoV) outbreak in the People's Republic of China (PRC), and based on the reports published by the WHO, and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the UAE, in collaboration with the concerned entities including NCEMA, has decided to impose restrictions on flights from the People's Republic of China.

This Safety Decision, based on further information received, supersedes Safety Decision 2020-01 - ISSUE 01. It is published to allow some flexibility provisions and clarification on the flight restrictions enforced by Safety Decision 2020-01 - ISSUE 01.

The UAE government is closely monitoring the situation and will provide further updates and instructions as necessary.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- a) With effect from 15 February 2020, and until further notice, aircraft operating a scheduled or non-scheduled flight from the People's Republic of China shall not be permitted to land at a UAE airport, unless the following conditions are met:
  - (i) Passenger flights:
    - 1) The flight departs from Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK);
    - 2) All passengers, occupants and crew are Covid-19 screened on arrival at the UAE airport, unless an alternative means has been accepted by the GCAA;
    - 3) The screening regime shall be as prescribed by the UAE Health Authority;
    - 4) The destination airport is equipped to conduct the prescribed screening regime; and
    - 5) The operator has made the necessary pre-arrangement with the UAE airport operator and screening provider.
  - (ii) Cargo flights:
    - 1) The flight departs from an airport other than an airport located within the Province of Hubei;
    - 2) The flight is limited to crew and personnel required for the intended flight;



- 3) All persons on-board are Covid-19 screened on arrival at the UAE airport, unless an alternative means has been accepted by the GCAA;
  - 4) The screening regime shall be as prescribed by the UAE Health Authority;
  - 5) The destination airport is equipped to conduct the prescribed screening regime; and
  - 6) The operator has made the necessary pre-arrangement with the UAE airport operator and screening provider.
- b) The requirements stipulated in paragraph (a) shall apply to all type of flights originating from the People's Republic of China, including connecting, non-stop, and direct flights.
- c) UAE aircraft operators shall provide crew with a lay-over in the People's Republic of China with the necessary information and materials as recommended by the Chinese authorities for their local inhabitants. Such lay-over shall be performed in a manner that limits crew exposure to Covid-19 virus.

**CONTACT:**

Further instructions or guidance may be obtained through:

- a) UAE operators: their principal flight operations inspectors;
- b) Foreign operators: Communication with the Foreign Operators Affairs, at e-mail [foa@gcaa.gov.ae](mailto:foa@gcaa.gov.ae)