



SAFETY DECISION 2020-01

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SUBJECT:

FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS SARS-CoV-2

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

N/A

APPLICABILITY:

This Safety Decision applies to all aircraft operators conducting flights between the affected areas to the UAE.

INTRODUCTION:

Following the global developments concerning the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2, also named 2019-nCoV) outbreak in the city of Wuhan, People's Republic of China (PRC), and based on the reports published by the WHO, and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the GCAA, in collaboration with the concerned entities including NCEMA, has decided to impose restrictions on flights from affected areas by SARS-CoV-2.

Note 1: On 12 February 2020, the novel coronavirus was renamed "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2" (SARS-CoV-2), while the disease associated with it is referred to as COVID-19.

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

REQUIREMENTS:

REQUIREMENT NO. 1:

UAE aircraft operators shall provide crew with a lay-over in the affected areas with the necessary information and materials as recommended by the local and UAE authorities. Such lay-over shall be performed in a manner that limits crew exposure to virus.



REQUIREMENT NO. 2:

The following flight restrictions requirements shall apply to all types of flights originating from the concerned country, including connecting, non-stop and direct flights and shall be complied with as per the conditions prescribed hereafter.

Note 2: No restrictions exists for countries other than those listed below.

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❖ EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION:

➤ Islamic Republic of Iran

Until further notice, aircraft operating a scheduled or non-scheduled flight (including cargo and passenger flights) between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the UAE shall not be permitted.

❖ EUROPEAN REGION:

➤ Italy

From 13 March 2020 12:00PM local time and until further notice, aircraft operating a scheduled or non-scheduled flight **from Italy to the UAE** shall meet the following conditions:

a) Passenger flights:

- The flight departs from Fiumicino (FCO);
- All passengers, occupants and crew are SARS-CoV-2 screened on arrival at the UAE airport, unless an alternative means has been accepted by the GCAA;
- The screening regime shall be as prescribed by the UAE Health Authority;
- The destination airport is equipped to conduct the prescribed screening regime; and
- The operator has made the necessary pre-arrangement with the airport operator and screening provider.

b) Cargo flights:

- The flight is limited to crew and personnel required for the intended flight;
- All persons on-board are SARS-CoV-2 screened on arrival at the UAE airport, unless an alternative means has been accepted by the GCAA;



- (iii) The screening regime shall be as prescribed by the UAE Health Authority;
- (iv) The destination airport is equipped to conduct the prescribed screening regime; and
- (v) The operator has made the necessary pre-arrangement with the airport operator and screening provider.

❖ **WESTERN PACIFIC REGION:**

➤ **People's Republic of China**

Until further notice, aircraft operating a scheduled or non-scheduled flight **from the People's Republic of China to the UAE** shall meet the following conditions:

a) Passenger flights:

- (i) The flight departs from Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK);
- (ii) All passengers, occupants and crew are SARS-CoV-2 screened on arrival at the UAE airport, unless an alternative means has been accepted by the GCAA;
- (iii) The screening regime shall be as prescribed by the UAE Health Authority;
- (iv) The destination airport is equipped to conduct the prescribed screening regime; and
- (v) The operator has made the necessary pre-arrangement with the airport operator and screening provider.

b) Cargo flights:

- (i) The flight departs from an airport other than an airport located within the Province of Hubei;
- (ii) The flight is limited to crew and personnel required for the intended flight;
- (iii) All persons on-board are SARS-CoV-2 screened on arrival at the UAE airport, unless an alternative means has been accepted by the GCAA;
- (iv) The screening regime shall be as prescribed by the UAE Health Authority;
- (v) The destination airport is equipped to conduct the prescribed screening regime; and
- (vi) The operator has made the necessary pre-arrangement with the airport operator and screening provider.

CONTACT:

Further instructions or guidance may be obtained through:

- a) UAE operators: their principal flight operations inspectors;
- b) Foreign operators: Foreign Operators Affairs, at e-mail foa@gcaa.gov.ae