

Exemption Notification Article 71(1)

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

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

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Notifying State									
Member or Associated State / National Authority	SK								
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Exemption		
Title	Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity periods for licences, ratings, certificates and attestations of traffic controllers.	
Domain	ATCO - Air Traffic Controllers	
Exemption Requirements	Related Regulation	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340
	Sub-part	Part ATCO - Air Traffic Controllers
	Exemption requirements	ATCO.B.020, ATCO.B.035, ATCO.C.020, ATCO.C.025, ATCO.C.040, ATCO.C.060, ATCO.C.065, of Annex I (Part-ATCO); ATCO.MED.A.045 and ATCO.MED.C.025 of Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED)
Repetitive Exemption	No, duration up to 8 months	
Duration of exemption	2020-03-17 to 2020-07-15	

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, certificates and attestations issued by Transport Authority – Slovak republic, including associated medical certificates and reports, all of the following shall apply:

(c) Licences, endorsements and certificates issued in accordance with Annex I (Part-ATCO) and Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED) to Regulation (EU) 2015/340

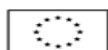
Provided that the regular validity period of an endorsement or a certificate expires before 15 July 2020, the validity period of all of the following is extended as follows:

(1) till 15 July 2020, in the case of:

- (i) ATCO unit endorsements as per point ATCO.B.020 of Part-ATCO;
- (ii) ATCO language proficiency endorsements as per point ATCO.B.035 of Part-ATCO;
- (iii) ATCO on-the-job training instructor endorsements as per point ATCO.C.020 of Part-ATCO;
- (iv) ATCO temporary OJTI authorisation as per point ATCO.C.025 of Part-ATCO;
- (v) ATCO synthetic training device instructor endorsement as per point ATCO.C.040 of Part-ATCO;
- (vi) ATCO assessor endorsement as per point ATCO.C.060 of Part-ATCO;
- (vii) ATCO temporary assessor authorisation as per point ATCO.C.065 of Part-ATCO;
- (viii) Part-ATCO Class 3 medical certificates as per point ATCO.MED.A045 of Part-ATCO-MED.

(2) until the end of the application of this Exemption, privileges of Part-ATCO.MED aeromedical examiner certificates related to Class 3 medical certificates.

If, towards the end of the this period specified in point (1), the competent authority considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption still apply, the validity period of the endorsement or the certificate may be further extended for a period of up to 4 months or the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever comes first



Reasons for granting it

<p>Urgent unforeseeable circumstances</p>	<p>The COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in drastic travel restrictions and closure of borders between a majority of States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holders of air traffic controller licences as per Regulation (EU) 2015/340 experience difficulties in both the use of synthetic training devices (STDs) to complete their scheduled recurrent training / assessment activities and the access to examination for maintaining their language proficiency. • Holders of Class 3 medical certificates issued in accordance with Annex IV (Part-ATCO) to Regulation (EU) 2015/340 who are required to undergo a recurrent medical examination to revalidate their Class 3 medical certificate to continue to exercise their licence privileges on behalf of their air navigation service provider (ANSP) are not able to timely reach or gain access to an AME or 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.
<p>Urgent operational needs</p>	<p>As a result of the aforementioned unforeseen circumstances, it is needed to apply this exemption to said holders of European licences, ratings, certificates and as well as operators/ANSPs/ when the said circumstances are declared to the CA by either the holder (of the licence, rating, endorsement, certificate or attestation) or the operator/ANSP/ Annex I and Annex IV of Regulation (EU) No 2015/340 are applicable.</p> <p>This Exemption aims to reduce the severity of the disruptions that would otherwise occur due to non-availability of a sufficient number of ATCOs licence holders to operate on behalf of said organisations.</p>



Summary of mitigating measures	Safety, environmental protection	<p>(1) In the case of ATCO unit endorsement in ATCO licences, the air navigation service provider (ANSP) should ensure that the potential unavailability of STDs is mitigated by other means, e.g. computer-based training or the rescheduling refresher training as soon as possible.</p> <p>(2) In the case of ATCO language proficiency endorsements, in the case of unavailability of an LABs, ANSPs should ensure that language training is ensured through other means, e.g. online courses.</p>
Type of Operation	N/A	
Non-approved change/repair	N/A	

Concerned Entity(ies)	
Concerned entity	Operator
Concerned entity details	1. Letové prevádzkové služby Slovenskej republiky, štátny podnik 2. The Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic - Air Force of the Slovak Republic
Product	N/A

Attached Documentation	
MS Original Granting Document	 Decision of the Transport Authority on exemption
Supporting Documentation	 The Transport Authority of the Slovak Republic exemptions Table.pdf

