

**Industry Conference Call for Civil Aviation and COVID-19
Wednesday April 1st 2020**

Update from Nick Robinson - DG Civil Aviation TC

- Update in regards to the guidance material on protection of air crew from COVID-19 issued last Friday. There will be clarification and revisions sent by the end of the week. Changes to be expected will be in regards to Medevac and non-medevac aircraft transporting COVID-19 identified individual. It will incorporate some information and guidance on social distancing on the aircraft. This will be version 2 of the document and it will continue to evolve during the coming weeks.
- The Interim Order for domestic flights segments came into effect on Monday. TC will reach out to 704 and 705 operators to find out how those measures have been implemented in their operation. When the inspectors reach out to you, you can ask them any other relevant questions.

Exemptions Update - Robert Sincennes, Director Standards TC

- Most key global exemptions related to COVID-19 have been drafted and are undergoing a final assessment before sign off by the DG of Civil Aviation. Publication of most COVID-19 global exemptions is anticipated in the coming days (e.g., PPC and others). Exemptions can be accessed online and/or via CARAC Notice.
- Exemptions that remain in draft form relate to aerodromes and firefighting, specifically 1) Exemption for the reduction in the Category, and 2) Exemption for the temporary cessation of ARFF at designated and participating airports due to severe reduction in passenger numbers (below 180 000)
- Future exemptions that will be published by TC Civil Aviation are expected to address one off exemption requests, or other COVID-19 related industry needs that may have been overlooked.

Wendy Nixon - DG Aviation Security TC

- The health assessments checks requirements have been effective since noon Monday. Guidance material is available to air operators on the TC website
- Compliance activities by TC have started on this already.

Air Policy update

- Still working with other federal departments on measures we hope to announce soon. The Business Development Credit (BDC) availability is still available from Export Development Canada (ECD)

RoundTable

- The question from 2 days ago, on the PPCs extensions for 702
 - The exemptions for 705, 704, 703, 702 and 604 have been in development and are being finalized and will be completed very soon. There is a small backdated condition that will be applicable (14 days)

- Air Inuit: was expecting guidance on CRM
 - Documentation is being worked on. Right now, we are focusing on the exemptions. Other means for training such as online and other means are acceptable
- ATAC: What is the status of the Air Travel Performance Data Regulations
 - Working on possible exemptions or delay, we will have an announcement in the coming days
- We need more clarity for companies that operate in different provinces in regards to the health checks, and it would seem that most passengers are not aware of the local public health requirements. There seems to be a lack of knowledge from the passenger's side. How are the air carrier expected to respond to passengers. Need to get a better communication to the public on the health checks requirements.
 - Health assessments are questions that need to be asked of the passengers and the operator needs to get a response from them. There is an obligation from the carrier to notify the passengers that there are additional provincial requirements such as self-isolation. The question to the passengers ask if they have been advised to self-quarantine for 14 days. AVSEC will check to see if there is specific guidance in the material and will get back to the group.
- We haven't seen the information on the medevac passengers
 - AVSEC is working on a formal exemption for Medevac passengers
- What about PPCs that are expiring on April 1st?
 - If a person is expiring today, the exemption will address that and the exemption will go back 14 days.
- What is the guidance for personal and private aircraft? Also, is there update on the CANPASS?
 - Other departments are looking at the CANPASS
 - In regards to Canadians that want to fly their private aircraft back to Canada, there are border restrictions between US and Can for essential travel or returning Canadians. There is still mandatory self-isolation as well as reporting requirements. There is information on the TC website on the Can-US restriction for air travel.
- TC regional management staff have been great in addressing questions. Thank you
- Have there been specific discussions with NAV CANADA about delaying or waving their fees during these times as this is a significant cost to operators?
 - NAV CANADA is looking into several different ways to ease the burden on stakeholders and will have more information in the coming days.
 - NAV CANADA is welcome to use these calls for updates to industry as well.
- NOTAM that was issued on how air operators need to inform the passengers of restrictions. The Public Health department in Nunavut has established a 14-day isolation requirement in 4 centers in the south and there have been issues with some operators that have not been aware of that requirement.
 - Nick Robinson will touch base sometime this afternoon to discuss with PNR and Nunavut departments of transportation.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Will discuss on Friday about the individual exemption process.
- Will see revised guidance material on crew protection on Friday.
- New exemptions will be coming out throughout the week (e.g., PPC and others).
- Will keep the industry call to 3 times a week for now.
- Next call on Friday at 1300hrs.