

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

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

<b>Date of the Notification</b>	2020-03-26
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Exemption		
<b>Title</b>	Covid19 - outbreak: Extension of validity periods for medical certificates of air traffic controllers	
<b>Domain</b>	ATCO - Air Traffic Controllers	
<b>Exemption Requirements</b>	<b>Related Regulation</b>	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340
	<b>Sub-part</b>	Part-ATCO.MED
	<b>Exemption requirements</b>	- points ATCO.MED.A.045 of Annex IV (Part - ATCO.MED)
<b>Repetitive Exemption</b>	No, duration up to 8 months	
<b>Duration of exemption</b>	2020-03-20 to 2020-11-19	

<p><b>Summary of the exemption</b></p>	<p>Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption (see field "Summary of mitigations"), with regard to Part_ATCO.MED Class 3 medical certificates issued by the CAA of Republic of Latvia, including associated medical certificates and reports, all of the following shall apply:</p> <p>1) Medical Certificates issued in accordance with Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED) to Regulation (EU) No 2015/640 - provided that the regular validity period of a rating or a certificate expires from 20 March 2020 till 31 July 2020, that validity period is extended by 4 months in the case of:</p> <p>Class 3 medical certificates (except medical certificates with limitation codes - Restriction of the period of validity of the medical certificate TML, Specific medical examination(s) SIC, Special restrictions as specified SSL ) as per point ATCO.MED.A045 of Part-ATCO-MED.</p> <p>If, towards the end of the 4-month 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.</p>	
<p><b>Reasons for granting it</b></p>	<p><b>Urgent unforeseeable circumstances</b></p>	<p>The COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in drastic travel restrictions and closure of borders between a majority of States.</p> <p>- 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. Due to safety reasons this exemption does not apply to holders of medical certificates with limitation codes as:</p> <p>i) Restriction of the period of validity of the medical certificate TML,  ii) Specific medical examination(s) SIC,  iii) Special restrictions as specified SSL.</p>
	<p><b>Urgent operational needs</b></p>	<p>As a result of the aforementioned unforeseen circumstances, it is needed to apply this exemption to said holders of European certificates.</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>



<b>Summary of mitigating measures</b>	<b>Safety, environmental protection</b>	A) Safety Part-ATCO, MED Class 3 medical certificate holders benefiting from this exemption shall hold a valid Class 3 medical certificate without restrictions, except visual ones. B) Environment: The circumstances and needs addressed by the exemption do not have an impact on environment.
	<b>Market distortion</b>	Due to the exceptional circumstances affecting all EU Member States, and given its limited duration, the exemption does not have a distorting effect on the market conditions.
	<b>Essential requirements</b>	N/A
<b>Type of Operation</b>	N/A	
<b>Non-approved change/repair</b>	N/A	

<b>Concerned Entity(ies)</b>	
<b>Concerned entity</b>	Organisation
<b>Concerned entity details</b>	Holders of Class 3 medical certificates issued by AeMC and AME on behalf of the the CAA of Republic of Latvia in accordance with the Regulations specified above in the field "Exempted requirements".
<b>Product</b>	N/A

<b>Attached Documentation</b>	
<b>MS Original Granting Document</b>	 <a href="#">Exemption_MED.pdf</a>

