COVID-19 SAFETY PUNCH LIST—
SAFETY ASPECTS OF REDUCTION/CESSATION OF OPERATIONS

Regulators

People

☐ Ensure sufficient staff available to handle system demands
☐ Consider skills, experience, knowledge and qualification distribution across shifts
  • Possible prolonged staff loss due to sickness
☐ Consider reduced staffing levels when considering the rigour of audit response times, etc (i.e.,
do not unnecessarily increase pressure on organisations)

Process

☐ Ensure rapid alignment at the political level so that operational clearances can be set in place rapidly, (i.e. European Commission approval for EASA to act on behalf of cargo teams)
☐ Consider short-term rule changes for protection of critical teams (like cargo crews)
☐ Consider receiving requests for waivers
☐ Consider crisis planning for the different stakeholders and involvement of the safety departments
☐ Consider reminding all stakeholders to involve their safety managers in the crisis planning and discussions
☐ Consider flight time limit alleviations
☐ Consider availability of medical examiners and potential impact on licensing
☐ Consider the use of waivers rather than extensions to meet periodic licence and training requirements
☐ Consider developing a “go to” plan of short-term rules for such events (i.e., no one except crews on a cargo aircraft)
☐ Consider a global waiver on some current security procedures e.g. cabin and flight crews hand sanitizer
☐ Consider provisions to ground handlers on the minimum level of services to be provided during a crisis situation
☐ Consider extending training intervals