

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