



Safety Directive Cancellation Notice

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Note: This Safety Directive (SD) Cancellation Notice (CN) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Art. 76(6)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139.

Subject: Operational Measures to Prevent the Spread of Coronavirus
`SARS-CoV-2` Infection

Effective Date: 05 April 2022

Cancellation: This Notice cancels EASA SD 2021-04 dated 12 July 2021.

Applicability:

National Competent Authorities (NCAs) responsible for the certification and oversight of aircraft operators involved in commercial air transport of passengers in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012.

Definitions:

TCOs: Third Country Operators (TCOs), authorised by EASA pursuant to Commission Regulation (EU) No 452/2014 to perform commercial air transport operations into, within or out of the territory subject to the provisions of the Treaty on European Union.

The Council Recommendation 2020/1475: [Council Recommendation 2020/1475](#) “on a coordinated approach to the restriction of free movement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic” (including latest amendments).

Reason:

The outbreak of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), caused by SARS-CoV-2, has been qualified by World Health Organization (WHO) as a pandemic on 11 March 2020. Based on the reports published by the WHO, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention (ECDC), EASA issued Safety Information Bulletin (SIB) 2020-02 (later revised, now at Revision 5), providing recommendations to the NCAs and Aircraft and Aerodrome operators to reduce the risk of spreading of the SARS-CoV-2.

Following the issuance of that SIB, and in order to prevent the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 from potentially contaminated surfaces inside aircraft, EASA issued SD 2020-01, determining the safety objectives to be achieved by the NCAs in respect of operators certified in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012, and recommending, as corrective actions to be taken to achieve that objective, cleaning and disinfection of aircraft involved in commercial air



transportation of passengers after each flight coming from an airport located in an affected area with high risk of transmission of the COVID-19 infection.

In accordance with Article 76(6)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139, EASA issued concurrently the equivalent SD 2020-02, addressed to TCOs.

After those SD were issued, based on newly available evidence and the epidemiological status at the time, EASA issued SD 2020-03, superseding SD 2020-01; and the equivalent SD 2020-04 addressed to TCOs and superseding SD 2020-02.

After those SDs were issued, the situation concerning COVID-19 across Europe and other regions of the world evolved, after reaching the peak values, towards a lower number of cases. Additionally, the roll-out of vaccination further reduced the risk of transmission, hence reducing the incidence rates.

Consequently, EASA issued SD 2021-04, superseding SD 2020-03, and introducing new risk-based recommended corrective actions.

EASA SD 2021-05, applicable to aircraft operators involved in air operations in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 in respect of which EASA has issued an Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) and acts as the Competent Authority, and to TCOs, was issued concurrently with that SD, superseding EASA SD 2020-04.

Since those SD were issued, following further evolution of the situation concerning COVID-19, it has been determined that the safety concern no longer warrants issuance of a Safety Directive.

Consequently, this Notice cancels EASA SD 2021-04.

EASA issued Safety Information Bulletin (SIB) 2022-03, providing applicable recommendations.

Safety Objective(s) to be achieved:

None.

Recommended Corrective Action(s) to be taken:

Not applicable

Information on the actions taken:

Not applicable

Ref. Publications:

EASA SD 2021-05-CN dated 05 April 2022.

EASA SIB 2020-02R5 dated 30 June 2020.

EASA SIB 2022-03 dated 05 April 2022.

[EASA-ECDC Aviation Health Safety Protocol](#).



Remarks:

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