

CAPSCA MID,KSA GACA action During Pandemic COVID-19

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I will speak about the following:

- ▶ Circular and exemptions.
- ▶ File of differences with ICAO.

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- ▶ Since beginning of COVID- 19 pandemic the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) preoccupation with how to minimize the unwanted effect of this pandemic's and prevent the spread of it thorough the aviation by collaborative operations with all involved sectors in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia(KSA) locally and

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acting in full harmonized internationally with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and continuous benchmarking with leading civil authority in the world to maintain aviation safety and this done thorough issuance of certain regulatory exemptions that were based on careful safety assessments and risk mitigations.

- ▶ The first step in facing Pandemic COVID -19 in KSA by permit of domestic operators to start on May 31,2020.
- ▶ The purpose of this circular to ensure the compliance of the air operators and protect all aviation worker from spread of COVID-19 with full compliance of established standards by Saudi Ministry of Health.

AVIATION STANDARDS ICAO CONTRACTING STATES ACCEPTING COVID-19 RELATED DIFFERENCES FILED BY SAUDI ARABIA

- ▶ The 1st issuance for this circular was on May 17 ,2020 and last update was on October 11,2020.
- ▶ Number of countries in this list 199.

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- ▶ the purpose of this circular is to assess air operator in knowing of the current status of ICAO contracting states in terms of acceptance of COVID-19 related ICAO SARPs differences filed by the other Contracting States, for KSA recognizes differences of other states.

- ▶ In KSA we go with most restrictive measures for example the distance between passenger in ICAO say that it should be 1meter while in Saudi MOH Standards it should be 1meter and half.
- ▶ the exemptions periods and target applicants just to make sure the continuity of the operations in and out KSA without affection aviation safety.

- ▶ At the end all these information regarding circulars and Exemptions related to COVID-19 are accessible for everyone on GACA weblink:



<https://gaca.gov.sa/web/en-gb/page/covid-19-related-regulatory-exemptions>

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