ALL OPERATORS LETTER (DG 018/20)

Ref: NCAA/DG/AIR/11/16/124

Date: 16th June 2020

To: All Nigerian Air Operator Certificate (AOC) Holders

From: Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority

Attn: Accountable Manager / Director of Operations

Subject: EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMICS: FLIGHT CREW RECENT EXPERIENCE AND PROFICIENCY

1. BACKGROUND

Under the unprecedented circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic that is ravaging the whole world and has led to the imposition of flight restrictions in global civil aviation industry, the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and Contracting States have found it expedient to put some contingency measures in place to alleviate the impact of the pandemic on the industry.

During the period of these contingency measures, ICAO has requested that particular attention should be given to the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to certificates and licenses. In this regard, States are reminded of their obligations under Article 38, 39, 40 of the Convention to notify ICAO of any differences that may arise on the COVID-19 Contingency Related Differences (CCRD/EFOD).

With these considerations in mind, the NCAA finds that limited relief is justified with regards to pilot recent experience and proficiency and have consequently decided to grant two exemptions in accordance with Nig. CARs Part 1.4 on the subject matter as follows:

1. Pilot Recent Experience Exemption - NCAA/DOT/GEN012/20/001
2. Pilot Proficiency Exemptions - NCAA/DOT/GEN012/20/002

It is important Note: Utilization of both exemptions are subject to submission, to the NCAA, of satisfactory risk assessments carried out by the AOC holders to assure related safety risks measures are in place and kept at ALARP (As Low As Reasonably Practicable).

2. ACTION REQUIRED

All Nigerian AOC holders are hereby required to note the attached Exemption Documents Nos NCAA/DOT/GEN012/20/001 & NCAA/DOT/GEN012/20/001 002 dated 18th June 2020 here attached and comply with the conditions and limitations contained therein.

Please, be guided accordingly.

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