



SIERRA LEONE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

SLCAA/DG/00125/20

14th April, 2020.

To: SEE BELOW.

Dear Sir / Madam,

COVID-19 OUTBREAK: INDUSTRY COMMUNICATION FROM THE SIERRA LEONE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (SLCAA).

His Excellency the President Rtd Brigadier Julius Maada Bio, declared a State of Public Health Emergency in Sierra Leone on the 19th March 2020, followed by a restriction on air travel for all International commercial Flights, in a bid to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

Further to our earlier letters on the above subject, the SLCAA wishes to share some key business decisions taken in order to optimize its services for the Civil Aviation industry during this period.

1. PROVISION OF PERSONNEL LICENSING SERVICES.

a. Validity of Personnel Licenses.

- No new aviation personnel licenses will be processed or issued during this period.
- All personnel whose licenses are due to expire after 31st March 2020 can exercise the privileges of their licenses for an extended period of up to 30th June 2020.

This provision applies to the following;

- Air Traffic Controller
- Designated Examiners

b. All Medical certificates will be extended for a period of up to 30th June 2020.

- Class 1, 2 and 3 Medical certificates holders who have Limitations or are under additional medical surveillance by the Authorised Aviation Medical Examiner (AAME) or SLCAA should continue to comply with the specified requirements imposed. Failure to do so may invalidate their Medical Certificate and/or the applicability of this exemption to them.
- If difficulties arise, the certificate holder should contact the Authorised Aviation Medical Examiner, Dr. Alusine Bangs Yilla via email at; a-dow_ace@hotmail.com or via telephone on +232-79-620-009.

The exemptions listed above will have its limitations and conditions to ensure safe operations. The limitations will amongst others include, no known medical conditions and service provider mitigation plans.

2. GENERAL AVIATION SERVICES.

- No new applications or ongoing applications for Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Operator Certificate shall be processed during this period.
- The Authority will issue an extension enabling RPAS permits holders whose permit expire between 31st March 2020 to 30th April 2020 to exercises the privileges of their permits for an extended period of up to 30th June 2020.
- All permits expiring between 31st March 2020 and 30th April 2020 are granted extension up to 30th June 2020.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Applications for special permits shall be submitted with necessary documents to; the **Director General, SLCAA** at info@slcaa.gov.sl.

3. ECONOMIC REGULATORY SERVICES.

- Pending applications for grant/renewal of licenses/permits/certificates are suspended until further notice.
- No new applications or ongoing applications shall be processed during this period.
- Aircraft clearances for essential and emergency flights as approved by the Honorable Minister of Transport and Aviation shall be processed.
- Payments of fees arising from SLCAA's Economic Regulatory Services shall be made upon prior collection of electronic invoices.

ACTION REQUIRED:

All applications and requests shall be sent to; the **Director General, SLCAA** at info@slcaa.gov.sl.

4. GENERAL COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT SERVICE DELIVERY BY AVIATION OPERATORS-CONSUMER SERVICES.

All complaints and/or enquiries about service delivery by Aviation operators shall be sent to; the Air Transport Regulations Manager at jkallon@slcaa.gov.sl and copied to info@slcaa.gov.sl.

5. AVIATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT.

All Certified Aviation Security Screeners, and Approved AVSEC Instructors whose certificates or approvals that are expired or due to expire from 30th March 2020, are extended to 30th June 2020.

6. SAFETY REPORTS.

All Air Safety Reports like bird strike and others, are to be forwarded to; the Safety Manager SLCAA at abangura@slcaa.gov.sl and copied to info@slcaa.gov.sl.



Moses Tiffa BAIO
Director General.



Addressees:

The Country Manager, ASKY Airlines.
The Country Manager, Africa World Airlines.
The Country Manager Air France.
The Country Manager, Air Peace.
The Country Manager S. N Brussels.
The Country Manager, TransAir.
The Country Manager, Kenya Airways.
The Country Manager, Air Cote D'ivoire.
The Country Manager, Royal Air Maroc.

Cc: The Minister of Transport and Aviation.
The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation.
The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Aviation.
The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
The Minister of Health and Sanitation.
Office of National Security, Coordinator.
The General Manager, Sierra Leone Airports Authority.
The General Manager, Sky Handling Partners.
The CONVID-19 Coordinator.
The Chairperson, Board of Airline Representatives.
The Chairman Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority.
The Chairman Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Airport Authority.