

**SAFETY CIRCULAR 2020-014**  
**Extension of the Validity Period**  
**For Recurrent Dangerous Goods**  
**Training**

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**1) Introduction:**

Considering these circumstances, the Public Authority of Civil Aviation has decided to extend the validity period for recurrent dangerous goods training of the staff of the organizations listed in table 1.4. Table 1.4 of Part 1, Chapter 4 of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport by Air of Dangerous Goods (Doc 9284) of the ICAO.

**Definitions:**

**Entities:** All entities mean any person, Air operator, ground handling agents, shippers, freight forwarders, Cargo Agents, training providers and packaging suppliers involved in the transport of dangerous goods by air.

**Technical Instructions** mean the current edition of the document published by the International Civil Aviation Organization and entitled the "Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air" (reference number: Doc 9284-AN/905).

**2) SUBJECT:**

Extension of the Validity Period for Recurrent Dangerous Goods Training

**3) References of Civil Aviations Regulations affected:**

- a) CAR OPS 1.1220 5 e)
- b) Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air part 1 chapter 4.2.3

**4) Applicability**

This Safety Circular shall be applicable to all entities involved in the transport of Dangerous Goods.

This exemption is issued to meet urgent operational needs and unforeseeable circumstances due to the covid-19 outbreak.

The exemption has effect on or after **March,16 2020** for a period of for **(04) months** or until **30 of September 2020**.

**5) Measures applicable to the Extension of the validity of Dangerous goods training**

- a) All training certificates expiring on, or after **March 16, 2020**, may be extended for a period of **four (04) months** or until **September 30, 2020** inclusive, whichever comes first;
- b) A recurrent training must be completed before the end of the extended validity date;

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- c) The expiry date of the recurrent training is calculated on the basis of the expiry date of the previous certificate;
  - Example: a certificate expires on **April 31, 2020**. The knowledge test concluding this course takes place on **June 20, 2020**. The new certificate is valid until **April 31, 2022**.
- d) The organizations concerned keep the list of personnel benefiting from these provisions up to date and will ensure the programming of the new retraining training for these staff and the management of the new deadline.

**Note: This list shall be communicated to PACA for verification.**

- e) Entities concerned provide additional training through any means they deem relevant (e-learning, briefing, video, bulletin) during the extension period subject to the safety circular number 2020-02, issued on **March 29, 2020**. They may adapt staff tasks in order to minimize the potential safety impact of the postponement of the refresh training.
- f) Provisions mentioned above apply to personnel, depending on the categories listed in Table 1.4 of Part 1, Chapter 4 of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport by Air of Dangerous Goods (Doc 9284) of the ICAO.

**Note: Please note that these provisions do not apply to initial training.**

- g) With regard to Dangerous Goods Recurrent Training expires from the **16 of March 2020 to 30 of September 2020**, entities may apply by E-mail in accordance with the guidelines for approval to conduct a computer based Training /E-Learning.
- h) Entities Approved by PACA to conduct computer based training/E-Learning shall comply with their approved Documentation System.
- i) Air operators avails a ground handling subcontractor shall monitor Dangerous Goods recurrent training with the contracted ground handling provider.

#### **6) Conclusion**

This safety circular will be updated on timely manner.

All entities shall submit to PACA their recovery plan and the roadmap to comply with CAR 92.

Industry is required to check PACA website on [www.paca.gov.om](http://www.paca.gov.om) for future updates.

Please coordinate with the relevant Departments/Inspectors for more details , questions or additional information

Please refer to **annex 1** to this safety circular for your reference.

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Annex 1 Summary				
Requirements	Actions	Deadline	Reference	Observations
CAR 92	Extended	From 29 of March 2020 to 30 September 2020 included	CAR OPS 1,2 and 3 and ICAO T.I is applicable	30 September is the deadline to comply with CAR 29 as amended.
Dangerous Goods Initial Training	Suspended	From 29 of March until 30 of June 2020.	Safety circular 2020-02	Reviewed on timely manner
Dangerous Goods Recurrent Training	Continue	From 29 of March 2020 to 30 September 2020 included.	CAR OPS 1,2 and 3 and ICAO T.I is applicable	<p>1. Application for Computer based Training to be approved is required.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>2. operators shall comply with their documentation system.</p> <p>3. Additional evidences may be required.</p>
Extension of the validity of dangerous goods recurrent training	Exemptions	All training certificates expiring on, or after March 16, 2020, may be extended for a period of four (04) months or until September 30, 2020 inclusive, whichever comes first;	CAR ops 1 1.1220 5 e)	Compliance with this circular and the previous safety circular issued on March,29 2020 is required .

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