EXEMPTION OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS RECURRENT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ICAO TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. EXEMPTION.

The Belgian Civil Aviation Authority hereby exempts:

a. Royal Decree of 18 November 2005 to regulate the transport of dangerous goods by air, particularly:
   i. Chapter IX, article 49

b. Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Doc 9284), particularly:
   i. Part 1, Chapter 4, §4.2.3

2. APPLICABILITY.

Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption, with regard to dangerous goods training certificates, all of the following shall apply:

a. Recurrent dangerous goods training in accordance with the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Doc 9284)

The validity period of all of the following is extended until the end of the application of this Exemption:

i. Dangerous goods training certificates of categories of staff involved in the transport of dangerous goods as cargo or mail:

   1 — Shippers and persons undertaking the responsibilities of shippers
   2 — Packers
   3 — Staff of freight forwarders involved in processing dangerous goods
   4 — Staff of freight forwarders involved in processing cargo or mail (other than dangerous goods)
   5 — Staff of freight forwarders involved in the handling, storage and loading of cargo or mail
   6 — Operator’s and ground handling agent’s staff accepting dangerous goods
   7 — Operator’s and ground handling agent’s staff accepting cargo or mail (other than dangerous goods)
   8 — Operator’s and ground handling agent’s staff involved in the handling, storage and loading of cargo or mail and baggage
   9 — Passenger handling staff
12 — Security staff who are involved with the screening of passengers and crew and their baggage and cargo or mail, e.g. security screeners, their supervisors and staff involved in implementing security procedures

ii. Dangerous goods training certificates of categories of staff not involved in the transport of dangerous goods as cargo or mail:

13 — Operator’s and ground handling agent’s staff accepting cargo or mail (other than dangerous goods)
14 — Operator’s and ground handling agent’s staff involved in the handling, storage and loading of cargo or mail (other than dangerous goods) and baggage
15 — Passenger handling staff

iii. Dangerous goods training certificates of staff which are not listed in the above categories but are trained commensurate with their responsibilities with regards to the safe transport of dangerous goods

The validity period of all of the following have to comply with Exemption C-OPS/RDA/26-03-2020 and Exemption BCAA/Exemptions/COMB/2020-03:

i. Dangerous goods training certificates of categories of staff involved in the transport of dangerous goods as cargo or mail:

10 — Flight crew members, loadmasters, load planners and flight operations officers/flight dispatchers
11 — Crew members (other than flight crew members)

ii. Dangerous goods training certificates of categories of staff not involved in the transport of dangerous goods as cargo or mail:

16 — Flight crew members, loadmasters, load planners and flight operations officers/flight dispatchers
17 — Crew members (other than flight crew members)

3. CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION.

This Exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:

a. Employers benefiting from this exemption shall comply with all of the following:

The employer shall ensure that employees complete additional training through any means in order to compensate for the extended validity of the different training elements of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Doc 9284), as applicable. This could be done for example via briefing/leaflet/bulletin/CBT/video.
4. VALIDITY.

This Exemption is valid from 17 December 2020 until 31 March 2021.

In accordance with the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Doc 9284), particularly Part 1, Chapter 4, §4.2.3 if recurrent training is completed within the final three months of the (extended) validity period of the previous training certificate the new validity period may extend from the month on which the recurrent training was completed until 24 months from the (extended) expiry month of that previous training certificate.

5. NOTIFICATION.

This exemption is notified by the BCAA to:
- EASA Dangerous Goods Expert Group of Member States
- ICAO Cargo Safety Section.

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