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## **OPERATIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS** **‘COVID-19’ INFECTION**

The Irish Aviation Authority, in pursuance of Articles 7 (1) & (3) and Article 9 (1) of the Irish Aviation Authority (Operations) Order, S.I. No. 61 of 2006, hereby directs that aircraft operators holding an air operator certificate issued by the Irish Aviation Authority in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 as amended and involved in the commercial air transport of passengers shall:

- a) clean and fully disinfect the aircraft using substances suitable for aviation use:
  - i. at least once in any 7 days interval, unless the aircraft has not been used for passenger transport since the previous cleaning and disinfection; and
  - ii. on a frequency based on an operator risk assessment which takes into account the incidence rates in accordance with the Council Recommendation 2020/1475, as last updated, and variants of concern (VOCs) circulation in the territories where the aircraft is operated and taking into account other mitigation measures in place.
- b) clean and fully disinfect the aircraft using substances suitable for aviation use following notification to the aircraft operator that a confirmed case has been transported during a previous flight of that aircraft, unless already accomplished after that previous flight. Where the notification is received by the aircraft operator when the aircraft is in operation (passengers are on board), the cleaning and disinfection shall be performed immediately after the next scheduled disembarkation of the passengers.
- c) on any aircraft which a COVID-19 suspect case has been identified on board, clean and fully disinfect the aircraft using substances suitable for aviation use prior to further flight involving passengers.
- d) take measures to ensure that the health risk onboard any aircraft is adequately mitigated.

Mitigation measures can be achieved by implementing the applicable guidelines provided by EASA-ECDC Aviation Health Safety Protocol, as last updated, or comparable measures developed based on international guidance (e.g. ICAO CART).

Substances suitable for disinfection include those containing 62%-71% ethanol alcohol, 0.5% hydrogen peroxide, or 0.1% sodium hypochlorite. Suitability of the substances for use on the aircraft should be checked against the aircraft manufacturers’ documentation. More guidance regarding cleaning and disinfection principles can be found in the [EASA guidance on aircraft cleaning and disinfection](#).

This Aeronautical Notice replaces AN O.84 at issue 2, which should be discarded.

**Aviation Regulator**  
**Irish Aviation Authority**

*Explanatory Note:*

EASA Safety Directive No. [2021-04](#) is issued to minimise the risks to passengers from COVID-19 while travelling by commercial air transport. EASA Safety Directive No. [2021-04](#) requires the competent authority to ensure the safety objective of the safety directive is achieved by ensuring the recommended corrective actions are implemented.