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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. prior to each long-haul flight; and
 - ii. before next flight which takes place after a long-haul flight;
- b) clean and fully disinfect the aircraft using substances suitable for aviation use based on an operator risk assessment which takes into account the operational circumstances, including their routes, and the duration of the disinfecting effects of the substance used, but at least once in any 24 hours interval, unless the aircraft has not been used for passenger transport since the previous cleaning and disinfection; and
- 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.

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](#).

For the purpose of this direction, a long-haul flight is defined as any flight, or series of flights where passengers and their luggage are not fully disembarked, involving commercial air transport of passengers and lasting 6 hours or more, measured from the time the aircraft is scheduled to move from its parking position at the beginning of a (series of) flight, to the time the aircraft is scheduled to reach its parking position at the end of a (series of) flight.

Chief Executive
Irish Aviation Authority

Explanatory Note:

EASA [Safety Directive No. 2020-03](#) is issued to minimise the risks to passengers from COVID-19 while travelling by commercial air transport. It requires the competent authority to ensure the safety objective of the safety directive is achieved by ensuring the recommended corrective actions are implemented.