COVID-19 - Extension of validity periods for EASA Part-66 Aircraft Maintenance Licences

Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the ability of aviation personnel to maintain licences due to the national requirement to implement social distancing and the limitation of movement of persons in the European Union, the Irish Aviation Authority pursuant to Article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, is providing a general exemption from compliance with the following requirements:

Regulation (EU) 1321/2014:
- point 66.A.40 of Annex III (Part-66)

The application of the exemption by an individual and an organisation is subject to the limits and conditions detailed in the attached appendix A.

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APPENDIX A

1. SCOPE OF EXEMPTION

This general exemption applies to:

   a. Aircraft maintenance licences issued in accordance with Annex III (Part-66) to Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 and where the Irish Aviation Authority is the competent authority.

2. RENEWAL OF PART-66 LICENCES

1. The validity period of EASA Part-66 aircraft maintenance licences is extended by 4 months.
2. Part-66 aircraft maintenance licence holders benefitting from this exemption shall only exercise the certification privileges associated with their licence when no action is pending pursuant to point 66.B.500 of Part-66.
3. If, towards the end of that 4-month period, the Irish Aviation Authority considers that the reasons for granting the Exemption still apply, the validity period of the licence may be further extended for a period of up to 4 months or by the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever date comes first.