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**CHICAGO CONVENTION COMPLIANCE DURING COVID-19
OPERATIONAL MEASURES**

In order to ensure compliance with international global standards of aviation during the current COVID-19 pandemic, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has written to all signatories of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) requesting a uniform approach to the handling of aircraft irrespective of local quarantine restrictions.

The Cayman Islands is subject to the requirements of ICAO and will continue to comply with ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) together with its own national aviation regulations and requirements.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Cayman Islands will continue to observe the following protocols, which are subject of the IATA letter:

1. Make its airspace and airports available for aircraft in emergency;
2. Comply with the information contained within the Cayman Islands Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP).
3. Issue timely information, by way of NOTAM, on the availability of services and facilities within its area of responsibility.
4. In case of an inflight contingency, assist the pilot in command of any aircraft to take the safest decision necessary and divert to any suitable en-route airport he or she considers appropriate.
5. Enable an aircraft to file Flight Plans, using emergency approved alternate airports, regardless of border or passenger restrictions.
6. When entry to the Cayman Islands is restricted, permit crew members to enter, for a limited duration, to enable them to complete their duties in relation to departing flights, thus avoiding disruption to the operator.
7. Upon arrival, permit crews to enter without the requirement for quarantine to enable them to continue with their duties, subject to complying with the applicable basic sanitary rules.
8. Permit crews to conduct external inspection of the aircraft, prior to each flight, in order to meet their international mandatory safety requirements.
9. In addition to the above requirements, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands will, as required and where appropriate, issue exemptions to extend the validity of ratings, certificates and medical reports, for flight crews, instructors, examiners, aircraft maintenance mechanics, air traffic controllers and aeromedical examiners for a period of 6 months from this date.

Additional information on the content of this AIC may be obtained from P. H. Richard Smith, Director-General, Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands.

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