



Miscellaneous

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The Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods Regulations) 2002

Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012

General Exemption E5047

Exemption from the Requirement for Rigid Outer Packaging for Biological Substances, Category B, UN3373 samples

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), on behalf of the United Kingdom in exercise of its powers under Article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the ANO'), and Part 1;1.1.3 of the Technical Instructions hereby exempts any UK shipper and agent thereof; any agent of a UK operator, any UK operator and Royal Mail Group Plc from the provisions of Regulation 11(d) of the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations ("the AN(DG)Rs") and Part 1;2.3.2(b) and 2) c) of Packing Instruction 650 of the Technical Instructions in so far as, that rigid outer packaging is not required for test kit samples containing biological substances, Category B, UN3373,
- 2) Additionally, the CAA on behalf of the United Kingdom and pursuant to article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, exempts any aircraft operator for whom the CAA is the Competent Authority, from the requirements of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 CAT.GEN.MPA.200(a), from the provisions of Part 1;2.3.2(b) and from 2) c) of Packing Instruction 650 of the Technical Instructions in so far as, that rigid outer packaging is not required for test kit samples containing Biological substances, Category B, UN 3373.
- 3) This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:
 - a. the dangerous goods, Biological substances, Category B, UN3373, shall only be packed in Radox COVID-19 Screening Kits;
 - b. all other requirements of Packing Instruction 650 are met in accordance with the Technical Instructions;
 - c. the test kits containing Biological substances, Category B, UN3373, may only be forwarded for carriage on board aircraft by Royal Mail;
 - d. the test kits containing Biological substances, Category B, UN3373, may only be forwarded for carriage on board aircraft by Royal Mail to the Belfast testing facility, in accordance with Royal Mail procedures as agreed with the CAA;
 - e. the operator must be informed, by Royal Mail, of the carriage of the dangerous goods and the dangers to which they give rise; and
 - f. the mailbags must be protected from damage and not loaded with other cargo or mail.
- 4) In this exemption 'Technical Instructions' means the latest effective edition of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284-AN/905), including the

Supplement and any Addendum, approved and published by decision of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

- 5) This exemption is issued to meet the urgent operational needs of a limited duration to unforeseeable circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 virus.
- 6) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until **2 June 2020**, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Explanatory Notes:

- 1) UK legislation requires that dangerous goods be carried in accordance with the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by ICAO (the Technical Instructions). Under that document, the carriage of dangerous goods must either comply with the specific requirements applicable to the particular dangerous goods or be carried in accordance with an exemption permitted by that document.
- 2) This is such an exemption, authorising the carriage of the specified dangerous goods without complying with the specific applicable requirements.
- 3) Dangerous Goods carried in accordance with this exemption are carried in accordance with the Technical Instructions and thus in accordance with UK legislation.