



**STATES RESPONSE TO ICAO STATE LETTER Ref.: AN 13/35-20/47**

**DATED: 20 MARCH 2020**

**Subject:** Implementation of contingency arrangements to reduce the risks of the spread of COVID-19

**Required action by States:** a) Review existing or planned air traffic services contingency arrangements; b) Note the importance of avoiding undue or inadvertent restrictions

STATE LETTER REQUIREMENT	ANNEX 11 and 9 STANDARDS REFERENCE	CASSOA GUIDANCE	STATE'S STATUS
a) Review existing or planned air traffic services contingency arrangements;	<b><i>Air Traffic Services, Std 2.32</i></b> Air traffic services authorities shall develop and promulgate contingency plans for implementation in the event of disruption, or potential disruption, of air traffic services and related supporting services in the airspace for which they are responsible for the provision of such services. Such contingency plans shall be developed with the assistance of ICAO as necessary, in close coordination with the air traffic	1. Regulation 40 of the Model EAC Civil Aviation (Air Traffic Services) Regulations requires the ANSP providing air traffic services to develop and promulgate contingency plans for implementation in the event of disruption, or potential disruption, of air traffic services and related supporting services in the airspace for which they are responsible for.	

	<p>services authorities responsible for the provision of services in adjacent portions of airspace and with airspace users concerned.</p> <p><i>Note 1.— Guidance material relating to the development, promulgation and implementation of contingency plans is contained in Attachment C.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2.— Contingency plans may constitute a temporary deviation from the approved regional air navigation plans; such deviations are approved, as necessary, by the President of the ICAO Council on behalf of the Council.</i></p>	<p>(See details in the <b>CAA-AC-ATM-015</b>)</p>	
<p>b) Note the importance of avoiding undue or inadvertent restrictions</p>	<p><b>Facilitation Std. 8.8</b> Contracting States shall facilitate the entry into, departure from and transit through their territories of aircraft engaged in relief flights performed by or on behalf of international organizations recognized by the UN or by or on behalf of States themselves and shall take all possible measures to ensure their safe operation.</p>	<p>(See details in the <b>CAA-AC-ATM-015</b>)</p>	

	<p>Such relief flights are those undertaken in response to natural and man-made disasters which seriously endanger human health or the environment, as well as similar emergency situations where UN assistance is required. Such flights shall be commenced as quickly as possible after obtaining agreement with the recipient State.</p>		
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