



# Vendor Relations Regional Reviews

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### ASIA

#### MYANMAR

##### General

Due to a Military coup, all airports closed within VYYF FIR since 1Feb2021. According to latest NOTAM, the expiry date is currently 31May2021.

#### SINGAPORE

##### General

On 30 January 2021, the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) announced that given the resurgence of COVID-19 cases worldwide, the Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL) arrangements with Germany, Malaysia and the Republic of Korea will be suspended for a period of three months beginning from Monday, 1 February 2021, 0001hrs.

### NORTH AMERICA

#### UNITED STATES

##### General

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has expanded the requirement for a negative COVID-19 test to **ALL** air passengers entering the United States (this applies to both commercial airlines and BA/GA flights). All passengers are required to get a viral test within the 3 days before their flight to the U.S. departs and provide written documentation of their laboratory test result (paper or electronic copy) to the airline/operator or provide documentation of having recovered from COVID-19. Airlines/operators must confirm the negative test result for all passengers or documentation of recovery before they board. If a passenger does not provide documentation of a negative test or recovery the airline/operator must deny boarding to the passenger. The new order was signed by the CDC Director on Jan 12, 2021 and becomes effective on January 26, 2021. Crew members of airlines or other aircraft operators (BA/GA) are exempt for this testing requirement provided that they follow industry standard protocols for the prevention of COVID-19 set forth in relevant Safety Alerts for Operators SAFO issued by the FAA:

[https://www.faa.gov/other\\_visit/aviation\\_industry/airline\\_operators/airline\\_safety/](https://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/)

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## **MEXICO**

### **General**

As the CDC continues to emphasize that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 combined with the new COVID testing requirements for all international travelers entering the US, there have been increasing reports of canceled vacations/trips to Mexico. Mexico had seen an increase in travel in the past few months from vacationers but in light of the new requirements and the fact that hospitals in Mexico are now reaching a breaking point for handling new COVID cases, many travelers are rethinking their travel plans. With the possibility of being denied entry back into the US many US citizens are concerned for their safety as the US government has made it abundantly clear that travel is at your own risk and a prolonged unplanned stay in Mexico is very possible. Some hotels in Mexico have offered discounted rates for those persons that test positive and who are denied entry back into the US but the lack of medical care available at Mexican hospitals has many travelers weighing in the risk of a vacation in the sun.

## **CARRIBEAN**

## **BAHAMAS**

### **General**

The Bahamian government has begun warning travelers that starting January 26, 2021, all air passengers traveling into the United States, including by private flights, air charter, and general aviation aircraft, will be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. All passengers must complete an attestation affirming their compliance with the CDC requirements and provide it to their aircraft operator. The test must be taken within three days before their flight departs to the US. Before boarding the flight passengers must provide proof of the negative result or a form of documentation showing that they have recovered from COVID-19. The Bahamas Travel Health Visa website will include the 'USA Arrivals Test' for a nominal fee. Aircraft operators will be responsible for confirming the negative test result or documentation of recovery for all passengers before they board, and if a passenger chooses not to provide a test result or documentation of recovery, the operator must deny boarding to the passenger.

## **EUROPE**

### **General**

The North Atlantic datalink mandate rules will remain suspended until 25 Feb 2021. This means that Aircraft which do not have CPDLC and ADS-C can continue to flight plan and operate across the North Atlantic between FL290-410 until that date. See Notams for further information.

## **GREECE**

### **LGAL/Alexandroupolis**

There will be no supplies of Jet A1 available until the end of April 2021 at the earliest. Please plan accordingly.

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## UNITED KINGDOM

### General

All direct passenger flights to England or Scotland from the UAE have been banned (including GA/BA). Medevac flights are exempt along with aircraft in emergency situations, and diversions. EGTG Notam B0300/21 refers.

## INDIA

### VAPO/Pune

The airport will be closed for two weeks between April 26 and May 9 for runway resurfacing. Please check Notams for any changes.

## WORLD GENERAL

**With some countries beginning to lift certain COVID-19 regulations, and other extending their restrictions the below link to the ICAO public website is a great place to keep abreast of the latest changes. The website shows all the Notam'd COVID-19 regulations from around the world.**

<https://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/COVID-19-Airport-Status.aspx>

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FAA/EASA advisories and restrictions remain in place for operations into, out of, and over the following countries and their associated FIRs.

SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN, UKRAINE, SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, EGYPT - SINAI PENINSULA, IRAQ, IRAN, LIBYA, RUSSIA

Full and up to date information on all of the above can be found on the FAA website, prohibitions restrictions and notices page, the CFMU Network Operations Portal, EASA website, or in the relevant NOTAMS.

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