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#### ASIA

##### CHINA

###### ZSPD/Shanghai Pudong Intl

Shanghai Customs haven't accepted any international pax flights for last 1-2 months during COVID-19 outbreak, although there isn't any specific restrictions published. There is possibility that flights have government sponsor letter, CAAC approves landing permit, but Customs finally refuse it.

###### ZUUU/Chengdu Shuang Liu Intl

Chengdu Airport doesn't accept international business flights but diplomatic flights during COVID-19 pandemic.

###### General

Starting from 0:00 on April 30, Beijing lowers the response level of public health emergencies, as there haven't been any new local case reported in last 36 days from its 15 districts. It's an adjustment to the second level response from the first level response. There is no need to isolate for 14 days to enter Beijing traveling from low-risk areas. Tianjin and Hebei province also lowered their corresponding levels.

#### PACIFIC

##### Tonga

###### General

Island nations in the South Pacific have been extremely concerned about the possible spread and ability to contain and treat their citizens. Many islands have very limited medical facilities, staff and equipment and are now extending their lockdown and travel restrictions. Tonga has extended its travel ban on commercial passenger flights until the middle of June 2020 and possibly longer if the virus cannot be adequately contained. Other island nations in the South Pacific are likely to follow suite and continue to have strict travel restrictions in place throughout the summer.

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## CARRIBEAN

### BARBADOS and JAMAICA

#### General

Local handlers have reported that the restrictions in the Caribbean are still quite stringent in May. There is currently no International arrivals at any of the Airports in the Caribbean with the exception of Repatriation, Medevac and Cargo flights which are still authorized with prior approval. Flights to Tortola and St Lucia have to obtain permission for Repatriation flights and for Barbados and Jamaica the handler has to ensure Port Health is updated to allow the flight to occur. Aircraft are only allowed to arrive and then depart the same day in the Caribbean as there is currently no overnight stays allowed. Crews must remain with their aircraft and will be checked by a nurse on arrival for any signs of COVID. All paperwork must be sent electronically to the crew as local handlers no longer print any paperwork in an effort to limit interaction with the crew for everyone's safety.

## NORTH AMERICA

### CANADA

#### General

Officials in the US and Canada have agreed to extend the restriction of all non-essential travel between the US and Canada until May 20<sup>th</sup>. The reopening of border between the US and Canada will be lifted if authorities are confident that the spread of COVID 19 has been contained.

### UNITED STATES

#### General

A new U.S. Presidential Proclamation was issued April 23<sup>rd</sup> restricting the entry of non-United States nationals that do not hold a current visa in the US. The US CBP confirmed that the Proclamation will not affect the ESTA and Visa Waiver Program. In part the "Scope of Suspension and Limitation on Entry" states that those persons that are outside the United States on the effective date of the proclamation and do not have an immigrant visa that is valid on the effective date of the proclamation and do not have an official travel document other than a visa will not be allowed entry into the US.

#### General

The FAA has reduced the hours air traffic services will be available at approximately 100 Airports across the US. This reduction of hours will in affect extend the night closures for the many Airport which are classified as secondary Airports which typically see less traffic than other primary Airports across the US.

#### General

Many of the local state governors in the US are taking matters into their own hands rather than following the guidelines set forth by the White House. While some states like Texas have started to lift bans on businesses and stay at home orders other states such as Hawaii have now extended their stay-at-home order and mandatory quarantine for visitors until May 31<sup>st</sup>. The new extension for Hawaii applies to arriving passengers and crew of all nationalities. The restriction in Hawaii requires a 14 days quarantine if the traveler plans on staying in Hawaii but will allow travelers to depart Hawaii should they choose to do so prior to the end of the quarantine period. Tech stops are allowed if no passengers nor crew members leave the aircraft.

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## **MEXICO**

### **General**

In an effort to stop COVID 19 from spreading, officials from Mexico and the US announced on April 20th that the US/Mexico border will be remained closed to all non-essential travel until at least May 19<sup>th</sup> 2020. This travel restriction includes travel for tourism and recreation and will likely have a large economic impact on the tourist states in Mexico which rely upon tourism as a source of their primary income.

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

## **ARGENTINA**

### **General**

While many countries in South America have some form of travel restrictions, Argentina has extended their travel ban to be one of the longest periods seen yet with all scheduled international flights being suspended until September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. On April 27th Argentine authorities suspended ticket sales for commercial flights until September 1<sup>st</sup> and the sale and purchase of commercial international and domestic flights into out of and within Argentina is now prohibited. Airlines are now required to receive permission from the government prior to operating any flights.

## **EUROPE**

### **EDDT/Berlin Tegal**

The much-delayed Berlin-Brandenburg Airport is set to finally begin operations on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, after a 9 year delay. In the original plan Berlin Tegel/EDDT, Airport was supposed to close on Nov 8, a week after Brandenburg opened, but it's now being reported that Tegel will close "temporarily" on June 1 - although it is thought with the down turn in demand for air travel, it is much more likely that the closure will be permanent.

During this time EDDB/Berlin Schonefeld will become the German capital's only Airport.

### **General**

Eurocontrol have a helpful list of COVID-related restrictions for countries in Europe, which has recently been amended it to make it more user friendly - it now makes a distinction on Notams' content between restrictions on flights, passengers, Airports and other requirements. The list is updated daily, and is available on the CFMU public NOP homepage.

[https://www.public.nm.eurocontrol.int/PUBPORTAL/gateway/spec/PORTAL.23.5.0.5.18/res/12994/COVIDN2104.pdf?APPID=headline\\_news](https://www.public.nm.eurocontrol.int/PUBPORTAL/gateway/spec/PORTAL.23.5.0.5.18/res/12994/COVIDN2104.pdf?APPID=headline_news)

## **General**

Europe were set to introduce an ADS-B mandate in 2020, however this deadline has now been extended. The basic version of the requirements state; Any aircraft with a Certificate or Airworthiness issued between 1995-2020 won't have to be fitted with ADS-B until 7th June 2023, but must have a retrofit program established before 7th Dec 2020. Aircraft with a Certificate or Airworthiness issued before 1995 are exempt, as are aircraft doing maintenance or export/delivery flights.

In addition to the above, the regulation requiring all aircraft to have Mode S ELS before 7th Dec 2020 remains. ELS with Basic functionality and SI code capability is the minimum level permitted for operations in European airspace.

## **WORLD GENERAL**

With the current COVID-19 regulations being ever changing, and hard to track, ICAO have published a great link in their public website which 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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