AIR TRANSPORT OPERATIONS AS ESSENTIAL SERVICES
NOTICE 4/2020

PUTRAJAYA – The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) would like to address the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases (Measures within Infected Local Areas) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 in force from 1st April 2020 to 14th April 2020. CAAM takes note that air transport and aviation services was not specifically mentioned in the updated list of essential services in the regulation. Various media outlets have noted the lack of this reference and have inaccurately reported these do not form part of the essential services list within the said regulation.

CAAM would herein like to clarify that with exception to Approved Training Organisation – Flying Training Organisation (ATO-FTO), Type Rating Training Organization (ATO-TRTO), and Flying Clubs in Malaysia as identified in “Notice on CAAM Operations (Notice 1/2020)”, all other air transport activities remain as essential services under Logistics (Item 10 of the Schedule of Essential Services). This includes all manner of airport, airlines and cargo operations meanwhile all UAS/Drone operations must comply to Regulation 140-144 under the Malaysian Civil Aviation Regulations 2016 (MCAR 2016) for all manners of use, including UAS/Drone operations that are in support of Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) and COVID-19 initiatives.

Air transport and aviation services continue to play a vital and integral role in supporting essential supply chains for the nation as well as being a platform for humanitarian and mercy missions.

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