

Guidance of Ramp Inspection under COVID-19 influence

CAAT has changed Ramp Inspection procedure temporarily and provides the guidance to prevent COVID-19 infection as follows.

1. Selection of Foreign Air Operators for Ramp Inspection

The methodology of selection the operator to be inspected regarding CAAT ramp inspection programme, the ramp inspector should prioritize base on risk-based methodology as well as considering the last inspection listed in Annex A of Foreign Air Operators Ramp Inspection Plan 2021 or data available in FO database.

The ramp inspector shall take consideration while planning and pre-selection. The inspector should avoid such ramp inspection if the State of Operator falls into the list from the announcement of Ministry of Public Health subject “Areas outside the Kingdom of Thailand that are infected Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)” dated 2 March 2020.¹²

Additionally, considering the comprehensive situation around COVID-19, the ramp inspector should review the information on the World Health Organization (<https://covid19.who.int/>), determine and indicates the situation by country of confirming cases on last 7 days, 7 days before the Ramp Inspection whether it should be carried out or not.

Note:

After 30 June 2021, the ramp inspector shall review Targeted Exemption (TE) list on the ICAO website (<https://www.icao.int/safety/OPS/OPS-Normal/Pages/TElist.aspx>), selection may base on the operator that applied temporary exemptions to specific Standards relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

¹ <https://ddc.moph.go.th/uploads/files/10120200330051528.PDF>

² <https://ddc.moph.go.th/uploads/files/10920200515131647.pdf>

2. Physical condition check on the briefing

- Ramp Inspector confirms his/her physical condition of the day on the briefing using thermometer as necessary.
- In case the Ramp Inspector has a fever over 37.5 degrees, the planned ramp inspection is suspended and senior ramp inspector shall inform Head of Foreign Air Operators Division.

2.1 PPE of Ramp inspector

- Ramp Inspector shall wear surgical mask (N95 is recommend) and gloves (Goggles, or face shield, if available) during the ramp Inspection.
- Ramp Inspector shall wash hands using soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after the ramp inspection.

3. Notification of Ramp Inspection to the operators

Advise foreign air operator's station manager or representative that CAAT is conducting Ramp Inspection applying temporary procedure, and the Inspector does NOT enter the aircraft. Thus, the inspection will be performed outside of aircraft in addition to usual notification contents.

Notes:

- *Not entering the aircraft except for essential cases, and inspect on the side of aircraft or Passenger Boarding Bridge (PBB).*
- *In case the operator asks the ramp inspector to measure temperature or disinfect on the side of aircraft, the ramp inspector shall proceed as instruction on requirement from the operator.*
- *Keep physical distancing as much as possible. (At least 1 meter, more than 2 meters is desirable except for essential cases.)*

3.1 Temporary ramp inspection item

- Focus on ramp inspection items that affect the safety of the flight directly, prioritization base on FOSM appendix A, 3
A items: A01, A03, A06, A13, A14, A20, A22, A23
B items: B01, B02, B04, B07, B08, B11, B12,
C items: C01, C03, C04, C07, C08, C09, C10, C11
D items: D01, D02, D03,
- Additionally, the ramp inspector should not enter cockpit and cabin of the aircraft and check only portable items. The exterior of the aircraft should be performed.
- Recommend to use the concept of "Three Cs" to avoid COVID-19 disease (Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded places with many people nearby, Close-contact setting such as close-range conversations).
- Specified temporary inspections items such as:

Document to be carried

- A08: Certificate of Registration
- A09: Noise Certification
- A10: AOC/ Air Carrier Certificate or equivalent
- A11: Radio license
- A12: Certificate of Airworthiness

Ramp inspection items that affect the safety of the flight (Applicable for temporary ramp inspection procedures):

- A06: Navigation Chart (*Required charts, AIRAC cycle, FMS Database*)
- A13: Operational Flight plan, Meteorological information, NOTAMs, NOTOC (*ATS filing, Performance calculations, fuel calculation and monitoring, ETOPS*)
- A14: Mass and Balance (*Accuracy & Completion, Load distribution, Restrictions*)
- A20: Flight crew licenses (*Validity, Appropriate ratings, Age requirements*)

- A22 & A23: Aircraft technical logbook (*CRS, details in maintenance release, Maintenance actions – reported, Compliance with MEL, AMM/SRM/MEL/CDL reference*)

Note:

- *After 30 June 2021, the ramp inspector shall review and verify the Targeted Exemption (TE) Submission Form (if applicable) on part C against applicable ramp inspection items*
- *Ramp inspector should list down items to be inspected and informed operator's representative or Pilot in Command.*