

Beginning with 14th February 2021 the following States carry out alcohol tests on flight crew and cabin crew members:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Republic of Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Legal References:

European Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 Article 4 and ARO.RAMP 106 including the applicable AMC and GM

Austrian Aviation Act LFG §171 and regulation AOCV § 20i

Alcohol test:

Alcohol tests are carried by Ramp Inspectors in accordance with the Ramp Inspection Program as defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 Part ARO.RAMP.

All alcohol tests will be performed with an approved breath alcohol analyser compliant with the standard EN 15964.

The breath alcohol concentration (BrAC), measured during the alcohol test, should not exceed a level equivalent to 0.2 grams of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) per litre of blood (0,2‰).

Every positively tested crew member will be:

- Prohibited to perform his/her duty
- Handed over to the legal enforcement body as appropriate
- Reported to competent aviation authorities
 - Licensing authority
 - State of operator

Any refusal or lack of cooperation during an alcohol test will lead to, that the person will be prohibited to perform his/her further duties.

Who we test:

Only flight crew and cabin crew members with assigned operational duty may be subject to an alcohol test.

The crew size may justify a sampling of the crew in order to avoid unreasonable delay.

A non-discriminatory sampling method could be used by the inspector but may focus on flight crew members as their assigned duties are usually more critical for the conduct of the flight.

A robust procedure:

Every alcohol test will consist of an initial alcohol test followed by a confirmation test in case of an initial positive result.

The confirmation test will be carried out as soon as possible after a waiting time of at least 15 minutes. This waiting time should normally be shorter than 30 minutes to ensure a similarity of results between initial and confirmation test.

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During this waiting time, the tested flight crew or cabin crew member will not be allowed to ingest any food. She/he will be able to continue its duty only if it doesn't affect the correct application of the testing procedure.

The positively tested crew member will receive a written confirmation containing information on the time and date of the alcohol test, the equipment used, as well as the actual result of the alcohol test.

Privacy and confidentiality

Every alcohol test will respect privacy and confidentiality of results.

Tested crew members can request a witness to attend the test as far as it does not cause unreasonable delay and that it is compatible with the testing procedure.

The operator and its competent authority are informed about all alcohol tests through the ramp inspection reports in the ramp inspection tool; these reports do not hold personal data. In case of a positively tested crew member, detailed test results and personal data of the concerned crew member are provided to the competent authorities through the focal point appointed by them, using other channels than the ramp inspection tool.

Definition:

'cabin crew member': an appropriately qualified crew member, other than a flight crew or technical crew member, who is assigned by an operator to perform duties related to the safety of passengers and flight during operations.

'flight crew member': a licensed crew member charged with duties essential to the operation of an aircraft during a flight duty period.

Additional information:

All personal data is processed in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data). Complete information on personal data processing will be provided to positively tested crew members as necessary.

The latest relevant maintenance document of the testing device is available on request.

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