



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 4343

Flight Data Recorders and Cockpit Voice Recorders - Helicopters

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), in exercise of its powers under article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ("the Order"), exempts any non-EASA helicopter specified in paragraph 2, subject to the conditions in paragraph 3, when flying for the purpose of public transport, from the requirement at article 119 and paragraph 4(13)(c)(i) of Schedule 6, Part 1, to the Order to carry the equipment specified at paragraph 5, Scale SS(1) or SS(3) of the said Schedule.
- 2) The helicopters to which this exemption applies are:
 - a) helicopters with a maximum total weight authorised greater than 2,730 kg, but not exceeding 3,175 kg; and
 - b) helicopters for which the individual certificate of airworthiness was first issued on or before 31 July 1999, with a maximum total weight authorised greater than 3,175 kg, but not exceeding 7,000 kg other than any such helicopter operated under and in accordance with a Police Air Operator's Certificate.
- 3) On any flight pursuant to this exemption, a helicopter specified in paragraph 2(b) must:
 - a) be equipped with a cockpit voice recorder of a type approved by the CAA for the purposes of paragraph 5, Scale SS(1) of Schedule 6, Part 1, to the Order; and
 - b) comply with article 231(2) of the Order in respect of the cockpit voice recorder as though it were one required to be carried by paragraph 4(13)(c)(i) of Schedule 6, Part 1, to the Order.
- 4) In this Exemption, "non-EASA helicopter" means a helicopter which, when conducting the flight or operation, is not subject to any of Annexes III to VIII of the EASA Air Operations Regulation as provided for in article 64 of the Order.
- 5) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1141, which is revoked.
- 6) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 31 October 2017, unless previously revoked.

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Explanatory Note

This exemption is granted in line with the requirements of ICAO Annex 6 Part III and EASA Ops CAT.IDE.H.185 and 190 (formerly JAR-OPS 3.700 and 3.715) that raised the weight of compliance from 2,730 kg to 3,175 kg (2,700 kg to 3,180 kg – ICAO Annex 6 Part III) and alleviated affected helicopters with a first CofA before 31 July 1999 from the requirement to carry a FDR.

This exemption has been re-issued to allow current operations to continue but is being reviewed in line with proposed changes to the standards and in light of the publication of the Air Accident Investigation Report 3/2015 into the accident to Eurocopter (Deutschland) EC135 T2+, G-SPAO and may be amended or revoked.