



**Miscellaneous**

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**General Exemption E 4576**

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**Helicopters Flying for Public Transport at Night**

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), in exercise of its powers under article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order'), exempts any helicopter flying for the purpose of the public transport of passengers at night from the requirement at article 210(2) of the Order (see Note 1).
- 2) This exemption only applies if:
  - a) the flight is:
    - i) a Search and Rescue flight conducted under and in accordance with an air operator's certificate; or
    - ii) conducted under and in accordance with the terms of a police air operator's certificate; and
  - b) the operator has ensured that the helicopter is equipped with a suitable means of illumination (see Note 2) acceptable to the CAA to enable the pilot:
    - i) when landing, to identify the landing area in flight, to determine the landing direction and to make a safe approach and landing; and
    - ii) when taking off, to make a safe take-off.
- 3) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1201, which is revoked.
- 4) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 31 October 2019, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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**Notes:**

- 1) Article 210(2) provides that a helicopter flying for the purpose of the public transport of passengers at night must not take off or land at any place in the United Kingdom unless there is in operation such lighting as will enable the pilot of the helicopter:
  - when landing, to identify the landing area in flight, to determine the landing direction and to make a safe approach and landing; and
  - when taking off, to make a safe take-off.
- 2) A suitable means of illumination would be a white light that is trainable and which enables the pilot to locate and identify obstacles on the ground, on the approach to landing and the departure route, from a height of at least 500 feet.