



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 3986

Standardised European Rules of the Air – Search and Rescue Operations in Accordance with an Air Operator’s Certificate

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority, on behalf of the United Kingdom and pursuant to article 4 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 (‘the Standardised European Rules of the Air’ (SERA)), exempts the operator and Commander of any helicopter registered in the UK and flying for the purpose of a Search and Rescue (SAR) operational or training flight in accordance with the terms of an air operator’s certificate from the requirements of SERA specified in paragraph 2 and subject to the conditions in paragraph 3.
- 2) The specified requirements of SERA in paragraph 1 are:
 - a) any of the rules of SERA at a SAR operating site;
 - b) SERA.3105 (Minimum heights);
 - c) SERA.5005(c)(5) (Visual Flight Rules);
 - d) SERA.5005(f) (Visual Flight Rules); and
 - e) SERA.5015(b) (Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) – Rules Applicable to All IFR Flights).
- 3) The conditions in paragraph 1 are:
 - a) the Commander of any helicopter referred to in paragraph 1 shall only depart from the specified requirements of SERA at paragraph 2 to the extent necessary to achieve the purpose of the flight and in circumstances that render such departure necessary in the interests of safety; and
 - b) the operator shall specify in the SAR operations manual the procedures and minima appropriate to SAR operational and training flights.
- 4) In this exemption:
 - a) ‘a SAR operating site’ is the position of the survivor(s) or a site selected by the Commander for the purpose of conducting a rescue; and
 - b) ‘Commander’ has the same meaning as in article 255(1) of the Air Navigation Order 2009.
- 5) This exemption supersedes ORS4 No. 1062.
- 6) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed and remains in force until it is revoked.

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