



**Miscellaneous**

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**General Exemption E 4078 and Permission**

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**Emergency Services Helicopters - Landing and Taking Off Near Open-Air Assemblies**

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), in exercise of its powers under article 242 of the Air Navigation Order 2009 ('the Order'), exempts any helicopter for the time being operated as an Emergency Services Helicopter from the requirements of Rule 5(2)(b) of the Rules of the Air Regulations 2015 when landing or taking off near an organised open-air assembly of more than 1,000 persons subject to the conditions in paragraph 3.
- 2) The Civil Aviation Authority, pursuant to Rule 5(1)(b) of the Rules of the Air Regulations 2015, additionally permits any helicopter, for the time being operated by as an Emergency Services Helicopter, to take off or land at a landing site which is not an aerodrome within a congested area subject to the conditions in paragraph 3.
- 3) The conditions specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 are that:
  - a) the take-off and landing shall be conducted in accordance with procedures specified in the Emergency Services Helicopter operator's operations manual;
  - b) the operator shall make a record of the occasions on which flights pursuant to this exemption or permission are made; and
  - c) any record required to be made pursuant to this exemption or permission shall be retained by the operator for 12 months and shall, within a reasonable time of being demanded by an authorised person, be produced by the operator to that authorised person.
- 4) In this exemption and permission:
  - a) 'Emergency Services Helicopter' means any helicopter for the time being operated under an Air Operator Certificate or Police Air Operator Certificate granted by the Civil Aviation Authority for Search and Rescue operations or for a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service or in the service of a police authority; and
  - b) other terms used have the same meaning as in article 255(1) of the Air Navigation Order 2009.
- 5) This exemption and permission have effect from the date they are signed until they are revoked.

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