

Office of the General Counsel

EXPLANATORY LETTER TO READERS

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Dear Reader

CAP 393 AIR NAVIGATION: THE ORDER AND THE REGULATIONS AMENDMENT 1/2015

This is the first amendment to the Fourth Edition of CAP 393.

Changes to Section 2

Section 2, which contained the Rules of the Air Regulations 2007, is replaced in its entirety by the Rules of the Air 2015 (SI 2015/XXXX).

The Rules of the Air 2015 – the 2015 Rules - are made in consequence of the coming into force in the United Kingdom of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 which contains common rules of the air (known as the Standardised European Rules of the Air - “SERA”).

The 2015 Rules supplement SERA and should be read in conjunction with them. The 2015 Rules, which follow the arrangement of SERA, specify provisions from the 2007 Rules of the Air which are not included in SERA but which it is considered should be retained.

Section 3 of the 2015 Rules sets out requirements for collision avoidance and protection of persons and property. It also specifies supplementary markings for runways and taxiways.

Section 4 of the 2015 Rules sets out requirements for lights and signals to be displayed by aircraft, in relation to helicopters on an offshore or renewable energy installation, the failure of anti-collision or navigation lights and airships flying by day. These supplement SERA.3215.

Section 5 of the 2015 Rules sets out prohibitions for the misuse of signals and markings at an aerodrome and prescribes requirements for aerodrome markings which are additional to those prescribed in appendix 1 to SERA.

Section 6 of the 2015 Rules sets out requirements relating to visual flight and instrument flight rules. These supplement section 5 of SERA and SERA.6001.

Rule 22 requires aircraft to be flown in accordance with the requirements for flight in airspace that have been notified in accordance with the airspace classification and flight rules specified in SERA.6001 and appendix 4 of SERA. Airspace is classified and notified in the United Kingdom by the Civil Aviation Authority in the Aeronautical Information Publication.

Rule 23 requires aircraft to be flown in accordance with the instrument flight rules when flying in Class C airspace in visual meteorological conditions above flight level 195 or along a Class C ATS route at any level.

Rule 25 prohibits aircraft not equipped with radio equipment from flying in class B, C, D or E airspace unless it has been authorised by the appropriate air traffic control unit and subject to further conditions specified in that rule.

It is an offence under articles 160(2) and 241(6) of, and Part B of Schedule 13 to, the Air Navigation Order 2009 to contravene any of the 2015 Rules.

These changes come into force on 30 April 2015

Tracked changes

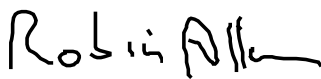
The changes introduced by this amendment are shown by red underlining.

Changes which were made by previous amendments are shown by green underlining.

Corrected pages

Some corrected pages are included to address some minor errors in the text. The corrected pages are shown in a revised list of effective pages.

Yours sincerely



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