

Supplementary Instruction (SI)

CAP 493 MATS Part 1

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group
Intelligence, Strategy and Policy



Number: 2015/03

Issued: 17 August 2015

Version: 1

Effective Date: 17 August 2015

SERA Exemption, Permission and Authorisation Updates

1 Introduction

1.1 As part the United Kingdom's implementation of Regulation (EU) No. 923 of 2012 (Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)), a number of exemptions, permissions and authorisations were issued. These are published within the CAA's Official Record Series 4 (ORS 4) and their references were included in the Manual of Air Traffic Services (MATS) Part 1 Edition 6, Amendment 1 Corrigendum. These ORS 4 exemptions, permissions and authorisations have been reviewed and reissued with new ORS 4 references.

1.2 The purpose of this MATS Part 1 Supplementary Instruction (SI) is to introduce the new ORS 4 references and to summarise the changes.

2 Impact of new Official Record Series (ORS 4)

2.1 ORS 4 No. 1119 (General Exemption E 4072) SERA – SVFR in Control Zones

2.1.1 ORS 4 No. 1119 took effect on 3 August 2015 and supersedes ORS 4 No. 1078, which is referenced in MATS Part 1, Section 1, Chapter 2, Paragraph 8.1 at Note 2.

2.1.2 The change has no material impact on controller responsibilities concerning the provision of Air Traffic Services. However, the reference within MATS Part 1 will be amended.

2.2 ORS 4 No. 1120 (General Exemption E 4073) SERA – Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) Visibility and Distance from Cloud Minima within Class D Airspace and ORS 4 No. 1121 (General Exemption E 4074) Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) Visibility and Distance from Cloud Minima within Class E Airspace

2.2.1 ORS 4 No. 1120 and 1121 took effect on 3 August 2015 and supersede ORS 4 No. 1084, which is referenced in MATS Part 1 at the following locations:

- (i) Section 1, Chapter 2, Paragraph 4, Table 3, Note 4
- (ii) Section 2, Chapter 1, Paragraph 6A.2(1)
- (iii) Section 3, Chapter 1, Paragraph 8.6

2.2.2 The changes limit the application of the general exemption from Class C, D and E airspace to Class D and E airspace. This change impacts the intent of MATS Part 1 Section 1, Chapter 4, Table 3 at Note 4 only. References to ORS 4 No. 1084 within MATS Part 1 will be amended.

2.3 ORS 4 No. 1125 (General Permissions and Authorisation) SERA – Visual Flight Rules (VFR and Special VFR Flight at Night)

2.3.1 ORS 4 No. 1125 took effective on 13 August 2015 and supersedes ORS 4 No. 1066, which is referenced in MATS Part 1 at the following locations:

- (i) Section 1, Chapter 2, Paragraph 8B.1, Note 1
- (ii) Section 2, Chapter 1, Paragraph 6A.2(2)
- (iii) Section 3, Chapter 1, Paragraph 8.6

2.3.2 The change has no material impact on controller responsibilities concerning the provision of Air Traffic Services. However, references to ORS 4 No. 1066 within MATS Part 1 will be amended.

3 Revised MATS Part 1 Procedures

3.1 With immediate effect, CAP 493 is amended as shown at Appendix A.

3.2 This change will be incorporated into CAP 493, Edition 6 at Amendment 2 in due course.

4 Queries

4.1 Any queries or further guidance required on the content of this SI should be addressed to:

ATS Enquiries
Intelligence, Strategy and Policy
CAA Safety and Airspace Regulation Group
2W Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
West Sussex
RH6 0YR
E-mail: ats.enquiries@caa.co.uk

4.2 Any queries relating to the availability of this SI should be addressed to:

ATS Documents
Intelligence, Strategy and Policy
CAA Safety and Airspace Regulation Group
2W Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
West Sussex
RH6 0YR
E-mail: ats.documents@caa.co.uk

5 Cancellation

5.1 This SI shall remain in force until incorporated into CAP 493 or is cancelled, suspended or amended.