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CAP 797 FISO Manual

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Introduction of Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) into CAP 797 FISO Manual

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this Supplementary Instruction is to introduce Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 into the FISO Manual and highlight a United Kingdom general exemption to Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012.

2 Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)

- 2.1 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 is based on ICAO Annex 2 (Rules of the Air) and ICAO Annex 11 (Air Traffic Services). Key changes include:
- the introduction of semi-circular cruising levels within Class G airspace (SERA.5005(g) (Visual Flight Rules) and SERA.5025(a) (IFR-Rules Applicable to IFR Flights outside Controlled Airspace)). However, see General Exemption E3942 (ORS4 No. 1071).
 - the Visual Meteorological Conditions for Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flight (SERA.5001). See General Permission ORS4 No. 1067.
 - VFR at night (SERA.5005(c)). See General Permission ORS4 No. 1066.

3 Revised CAP 797 FISO Manual Procedures

- 3.1 With effect from 4 February 2015, CAP 797 is amended as shown at [Appendix A](#). This will be incorporated into CAP 797 Edition 2 at Amendment No. 3 which is scheduled for publication in April 2015.

4 Queries

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

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5 Cancellation

5.1 This SI shall remain in force until 30 April 2015.

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Appendix A

Definitions

Aerodrome A defined area (including any buildings, installations and equipment) on land or water or on a fixed, fixed off-shore or floating structure intended to be used either wholly or in part for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft. (EU 923/2012)

Air-taxiing The movement of a helicopter/VTOL above the surface of an aerodrome, normally in ground effect and at a ground speed normally less than 37 km/h (20 kt). (EU 923/2012)

Note: The actual height during air-taxiing may vary, and some helicopters may require air-taxiing above 8 m (25 ft) AGL to reduce ground effect turbulence or provide clearance for cargo sling loads. (GM1 Article 2(25))

Altitude The vertical distance of a level, a point or object considered as a point, measured from mean sea level. (EU 923/2012)

Note 1: A pressure type altimeter calibrated in accordance with the Standard Atmosphere when set to a QNH altimeter setting will indicate altitude (above the mean sea level). (GM1 Article 2(39)(a)).

Note 2: The term 'altitude' indicates altimetric rather than geometric altitude. (GM1 Article 2(39)(b))

Approach Control Service Air traffic control service for arriving or departing controlled flights. (EU 923/2012)

Ground Visibility The visibility at an aerodrome, as reported by an accredited observer or by automatic systems. ((EU) 923/2012)

IFR flight A flight conducted in accordance with the instrument flight rules. ((EU) 923/2012)

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