

Supplementary Instruction (SI)

CAP 797 FISO Manual

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group

Intelligence, Strategy and Policy



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Notification of Changes to the 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 two-fold. Firstly, to defer implementation of the 'Semi-circular rule' element of Supplementary Instruction 2014/01 which introduced Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 into the FISO Manual. Secondly, to resolve an inconsistency identified between SERA requirements and the CAA intent to retain existing VMC criteria for VFR aircraft transiting controlled airspace.

2 Delayed Implementation of Semi-Circular Cruising Levels

- 2.1 Supplementary Instruction 2014/01 introduced Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 into the FISO Manual which included the introduction of semi-circular cruising levels within Class G airspace (SERA.5005(g)) on 4 February 2015.
- 2.2 The CAA has decided to further delay the implementation of semi-circular cruising levels within Class G airspace until 00:01 hours on 2 April 2015 (exemption [ORS4 Number 1083](#)), in order to ensure that all airspace users are fully aware of the change. Consequently, the quadrantal rule currently utilised within Class G airspace in the UK and detailed in CAP 797 Section 1 Chapter 4 Paragraph 4.8 will continue to apply until 23:59 hours on 1 April 2015. [Appendix A](#) of this Supplementary Instruction contains paragraph 4.8 detailing the quadrantal rule, which now continues to be applicable until 23:59 hours 1st April 2015. [Appendix B](#) of this SI contains paragraph 4.8 detailing the semi-circular that will apply from 00:01 hours 2nd April 2015 onward.

3 VMC criteria for VFR aircraft transiting controlled airspace

- 3.1 Supplementary Instruction 2014/01 amended the VMC criteria applicable below 3000 ft amsl within Class C, D and E, in accordance with SERA.5005(a) (Visual Flight Rules).
- 3.2 The CAA subsequently issued General Exemption ORS 4 No 1077 exempting pilots from this requirement and has extended its applicability until 4 August 2015 (see [ORS4 Number 1084](#)). This allows aircraft to be flown below 3000 ft amsl within Class C, D and E airspace and maintains the criteria that were extant within the UK up until 23:59 hours 3 February 2015, as detailed in CAP 797 Section 1 Chapter 4 Paragraph 4.5. [Appendix C](#) of this Supplementary Instruction contains Paragraph 4.5 detailing the VMC criteria for VFR flight.
- 3.3 Further information regarding the future of this exemption beyond 4 August 2015 will be published in due course.

4 Amendment to CAP 797

- 4.1 All amendments introduced by Supplementary Instruction 2014/01 and 2015/01 will be incorporated into CAP 797 Edition 2 Amendment 3 which will be published on 16 April 2016 and become effective on 28 May 2015.

5 Queries

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

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

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6 Cancellation

- 6.1 This SI shall remain in force until 28 May 2015.