

Supplementary Instruction

CAP 797 FISO Manual

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group

Intelligence, Strategy and Policy



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CAP 797 Flight Information Service Officer Manual –Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this Supplementary Instruction (SI) is to detail changes made to the Flight Information Service Officer (FISO) Manual (CAP 797), relating to the amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) by Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 1185/2016.
- 1.2 This amendment has occurred in 2 phases. Phase 1 became effective on 18 August 2016 and was incorporated into CAP 797 Edition 2 through SI 2016/03, Phase 2 will become effective on 12 October 2017 and represents the final stage of SERA development. Further information regarding SERA can be found at www.caa.co.uk/sera.

2 Amendment to CAP 797

- 2.1 With effect from 12 October 2017, CAP 797 is amended as shown at [Appendix A](#). This change will be incorporated into CAP 797 Edition 3 at Amendment 1 in due course.

3 Queries

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

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

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4 Cancellation

- 4.1 This SI shall remain in force until incorporated into CAP 797 or it is cancelled, suspended or amended.

Appendix A

CAP 797 Section 1 Chapter 1

Language Requirement

- 1.3 In accordance with ICAO requirements the English language shall be used for all operational communications at FIS units within the United Kingdom (UK) (SERA.14015(a)).

Editorial Note. The text **below** is inserted as a new paragraph 1.7. Extant paragraphs 1.7 to 1.9 should be renumbered sequentially as 1.8 to 1.10.

RTF Privileges

- 1.7 Implied within the privileges of a FISO licence issued by the UK CAA is that, subject to that licence remaining valid for use, FISOs are permitted to operate an aeronautical station in the provision of an ATS, subject to the conditions of the wireless telegraphy licence granted to the ATS provider, in accordance with the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006.

Editorial Note. The text **below** is inserted as new paragraphs 1.11 and 1.12. Extant paragraphs 1.10 to 1.19 should be renumbered sequentially as 1.13 to 1.22.

Flight Information Service

- 1.11 FIS provided to flights shall include, in addition to that outlined in 1.9, the provision of information concerning:
- a) weather conditions reported or forecast at departure, destination and alternate aerodromes;
 - b) collision hazards to aircraft operating in airspace Classes C, D, E, F and G;
 - c) for flight over water areas, in so far as practicable and when requested by a pilot, any available information such as radio call sign, position, true track, speed, etc., of surface vessels in the area (SERA.9005(b)).
- 1.12 FIS provided to VFR flights shall include, in addition to that outlined in 1.9, the provision of available information concerning traffic and weather conditions along the route of flight that are likely to make operation under the visual flight rules impracticable (SERA.9005(c)).