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Specialised Operations – EASA Part-SPO

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders, General Aviation Pilots and Business Aviation Associations
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Pilots, Approved Training Organisations and Registered Training Facilities

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Air Operations Regulation (EC) No. 965/2012 contains implementing rules for all aircraft operations which fall under European legislation. The Regulation already applies to those undertaking commercial air transport and non-commercial operations. It will soon be extended to cover Specialised Operations.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Information Notice (IN) is to notify interested parties of a website, set up by the CAA, giving details of the introduction of the Specialised Operations set of implementing rules. These implementing rules are often referred to as Part-SPO and cover much of what has generally been referred to as aerial work.
- 1.3 This Information Notice should be read in conjunction with [IN-2013/143](#) and [IN-2014/087](#).

2 Scope

- 2.1 'Specialised operation' means any operation, other than commercial air transport, where the aircraft is used for specialised activities such as agriculture, construction, photography, surveying, observation and patrol or aerial advertisement.
- 2.2 'High risk commercial specialised operation' means any commercial specialised aircraft operation carried out over an area where the safety of third parties on the ground is likely to be endangered in the event of an emergency or, as determined by the competent authority of the place where the operation is conducted, any commercial specialised aircraft operation

that, due to its specific nature and the local environment in which it is conducted, poses a high risk, in particular to third parties on the ground.

- 2.3 Operators, owners and pilots undertaking Specialised Operations should be aware of major changes to the rules which will affect them from 21 April 2017. The CAA has established a website containing information which will be of assistance to those who will have to comply with the new rules. The website can be accessed at www.caa.co.uk/SPO.

3 Queries

- 3.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to ISPTechnicalSupportTeam@caa.co.uk.

4 Cancellation

- 4.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 30 April 2017.

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