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EASA Part-SPO (Specialised Operations) Declaration Form

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. The final set of implementing rules, those covering Specialised Operations (Part-SPO), will enter into force on 21 April 2017.
- 1.2 CAA Information Notice IN-2016/092 provides further information to operators who will be conducting Part-SPO Operations.
- 1.3 The implementing rules applicable to those conducting such operations contain a requirement for operators established in the UK to make a declaration to the CAA. There is a further requirement that operators conducting 'High Risk' SPO operations must additionally obtain an authorisation from the CAA.
- 1.4 The purpose of this Information Notice (IN) is to highlight that the declaration process is now in place and the High Risk Authorisation process will be in place by 23 January 2017.

2 Scope

- 2.1 This IN is applicable to all Operators, Owners and pilots who will be undertaking Specialised Operations or High Risk Specialised Operations after 21 April 2017.
- 2.2 '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.

- 2.3 '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.

3 Declaring a Specialised Operation to the UK CAA

- 3.1 Operators who are required to declare a Specialised Operation to the UK CAA are able to do so using the online form provided on the CAA website at www.caa.co.uk/spo.

4 High Risk Authorisations

- 4.1 Operators who will need to apply for a High Risk Authorisation will be able to do so using the application form available on the CAA Website at www.caa.co.uk/spo from 23 January 2017.
- 4.2 Further information on the activities the UK CAA deems to be a High Risk activity, alongside information on whether an authorisation is required and how to apply for an authorisation is also available at www.caa.co.uk/spo.

5 Queries

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

6 Cancellation

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