

Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 3934

**Standardised European Rules of the Air – Operations in Accordance with a Helicopter
Emergency Medical Service Specific Approval**

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority, on behalf of the United Kingdom and pursuant to article 14(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008 ('the Basic Regulation'), exempts the operator and Commander of any helicopter flying on a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) flight in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 ('the Air Operations Regulation') from the requirements of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 ('the Standardised European Rules of the Air' (SERA)) specified in paragraph 2 and subject to the conditions in paragraph 3.
- 2) The specified requirements of SERA in paragraph 1 are:
 - a) SERA.3105 (Minimum heights);
 - b) SERA.5005(c)(5) (Visual Flight Rules); and
 - c) SERA.5005(f) (Visual Flight Rules).
- 3) On any flight pursuant to this exemption, the following conditions apply:
 - a) except when necessary for take-off or landing, the helicopter must not be flown closer than 500 feet to any person, vessel, vehicle or structure;
 - b) the operator shall record the time at which the helicopter takes off or lands within a congested area together with details of the exact location by map grid reference;
 - c) the operator shall retain any record required to be made under (b) for 12 months and shall, within a reasonable time of being demanded by an authorised person, produce the record to that authorised person;
 - d) no persons shall be carried other than flight crew, HEMS crew members, medical passengers, authorised persons, patients and other persons directly involved in the HEMS flight and whom it is necessary to carry for that purpose; and
 - e) each flight crew member, HEMS crew member and medical passenger shall wear a helmet which will provide substantial head protection in the event of an accident.
- 4) In this exemption:
 - a) 'authorised person' has the same meaning as in article 255(1) of the Air Navigation Order 2009;
 - b) 'flight crew member' has the same meaning as in SERA; and

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- c) 'HEMS crew members', 'HEMS flight' and 'medical passenger' have the same meanings as in the Air Operations Regulation.
- 5) This exemption has effect from 4 December 2014 until 10 December 2014 unless revoked.

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for the Civil Aviation Authority

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