

Miscellaneous

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**Standardised European Rules of the Air – Compliance with Cruising Level Requirements**

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority, on behalf of the United Kingdom, with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport and pursuant to article 14(4) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008, exempts any aircraft from the requirements of Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 (Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)) paragraphs SERA.5005(g) (Visual flight rules) and SERA.5025(a) (IFR - Rules Applicable to IFR flights outside controlled airspace) when flying in accordance with the requirements specified at paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.
- 2) For the purpose of SERA.5005(g), an aircraft in level cruising flight and operated in accordance with the visual flight rules above 3,000 feet above mean sea level is not required to be flown at a cruising level appropriate to their magnetic track, as specified in the table of cruising levels in Appendix 3 of SERA, unless flying in conformity with the conditions specified by the appropriate air traffic control unit.
- 3) For the purpose of SERA.5025(a), an aircraft in level cruising flight and operated in accordance with the Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) above 3,000 feet above mean sea level is not required to be flown at a cruising level appropriate to their magnetic track, as specified in the table of cruising levels in Appendix 3 of SERA, provided the aircraft is flown at a cruising level appropriate to its magnetic track in accordance with Table 1 below.

**Table 1**

| Magnetic Track                                 | Cruising Level                       |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Less than 90 degrees                           | Odd thousands of feet                |
| At least 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees  | Odd thousands of feet plus 500 feet  |
| At least 180 degrees but less than 270 degrees | Even thousands of feet               |
| At least 270 degrees but less than 360 degrees | Even thousands of feet plus 500 feet |

- 4) For the purpose of SERA.5025(a), an aircraft in level flight outside controlled airspace at or below 3,000 feet above mean sea level and operated in accordance with the IFR is not required to be flown at a cruising level appropriate to its magnetic track if it flies:
  - a) in conformity with the instructions of the appropriate air traffic service unit; or
  - b) in accordance with holding procedures notified in relation to an aerodrome.

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- 5) This exemption supersedes ORS4 No. 1071, which is revoked.
- 6) This exemption has effect from 00:01 hours on 4 February 2015 and remains in force until 23:59 hours on 1 April 2015, unless previously revoked.

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for the Civil Aviation Authority

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