



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E4125

Carriage of passengers unable to comply with Regulation (EC) No. 965/2012 that requires helicopter passengers to wear survival suits and/or life-jackets

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ("the CAA"), on behalf of the United Kingdom and pursuant to article 14(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008 (the Basic Regulation), exempts the operator of any helicopter from the requirements of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 (the Air Operations Regulation) specified in paragraph 2, subject to the conditions in paragraph 3.
- 2) The operator is exempt from the requirements at CAT.IDE.H.310(a) and CAT.IDE.H.310(g) of Annex IV of the Air Operations Regulation that all persons on board shall wear survival suits and life-jackets.
- 3) This exemption may only be relied upon;
 - a) in respect of a person who is a medically incapacitated passenger and who is being transferred from an offshore location;
 - b) if the medically incapacitated passenger is accompanied in the cabin by a suitably trained crew member;
 - d) if the operator has ensured compliance with CAT.OP.MPA.155 – Carriage of Special Category Passengers (SCP) - and has conducted a specific risk assessment; and
 - e) if the operator has procedures in the Operations Manual for the carriage of SCP and medically incapacitated passengers.
- 4) In this exemption:
 - a) a medically incapacitated passenger means a person who a medical professional has determined is unable to wear the required life-jacket or survival suit on a flight;
 - b) an 'offshore location' means a facility intended to be used for helicopter operations on a fixed or floating offshore structure or vessel; and
 - c) other terms are as defined in the Air Operations Regulation.
- 5) This exemption is issued to meet continued operational needs of a limited duration and for the period prior to amendment of the Air Operations Regulation.
- 6) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 31 July 2018 unless previously revoked.

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Explanatory Note:

Persons who are injured or otherwise incapacitated whilst at an offshore location in a hostile sea area may need to be able to be transported by a commercial air transport (CAT) helicopter back to land. Part-CAT regulations require all passengers to wear life-jackets and survival suits for offshore flights in such conditions which may not be feasible depending on the level of injury or incapacitation. Alleviation is therefore required using a risk based approach. This alleviation will be included in the specific approval for offshore helicopters (SPA.HOFO) when introduced in mid-2018.

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