



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 4673

Requirement to Hold a Part-FCL Pilot's Licence to Operate a UK Registered Balloon, Sailplane or Powered Sailplane with an EASA Certificate of Airworthiness From 8 April 2018

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), on behalf of the United Kingdom, pursuant to Article 14(4) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and with the consent of the Secretary of State, exempts those persons holding pilot licences or certificates issued under the UK Air Navigation Order (ANO) 2016 specified in paragraph 2 from the requirements of European Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 ('the Aircrew Regulation'), to hold a Part-FCL licence in accordance with the Aircrew Regulation, Article 4, paragraph 2 from 8 April 2018.
- 2) This Exemption applies to those persons operating a UK registered balloon, sailplane or powered sailplane with an EASA Certificate of Airworthiness with an appropriate pilot licence or certificate granted or rendered valid under the ANO.

Reason: To enable any such person to continue to operate UK registered balloons, sailplanes and powered sailplanes under UK national legislation until it is mandatory to hold a Part-FCL licence, or to allow such a person to be granted a Part-FCL licence and to fly such an aircraft by exercising the privileges of a Part-FCL licence.

- 3) This Exemption shall have effect from 8 April 2018 until 8 April 2019 or until such time:
 - a) A Derogation or Amendment is enacted in European Legislation relevant to the Aircrew Regulation applicable to Balloons, Sailplanes and Powered Sailplanes with an EASA Certificate of Airworthiness, whichever is sooner and;
 - b) unless varied, suspended or revoked

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Explanatory Note - General:

- 1) The Exemption is required to meet an operational need of limited duration to reduce the significant regulatory burden that will be placed on the UK General Aviation (GA) sector after 8 April 2018 from the requirement to hold a Part-FCL pilot's licence to operate balloons and sailplanes and powered sailplanes with an EASA Certificate of Airworthiness. EASA is holding **focused workshops and consultation** in Spring 2018 to consider the output from RMT.0654 (balloon pilot licensing) and RMT.0701 (sailplane pilot licensing) to support the further development of appropriate EC Regulation. EASA's stated intent is to publish the relevant Opinion for September 2018.
- 2) This Exemption will permit the continued use of UK National pilot licences and certificates subject to the ANO to operate UK registered balloons, sailplanes and powered sailplanes with an EASA Certificate of Airworthiness whilst EC Regulatory development is underway.

Explanatory Note- Pilots:

- 1) Pilots intending to apply this Exemption outside the UK must have the prior permission of the Competent Authority for the airspace in which the aircraft is intended to be flown.