



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 4714

Requirement to Hold an Air Operators Certificate (Balloons) to Operate a UK Registered Balloon, with a Valid Certificate of Airworthiness

- 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 operators holding Air Operators Certificates (Balloons) (AOC(B)) issued under Article 101 of the UK Air Navigation Order (ANO) 2016 from the requirements of European Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 ('Air Operations Regulation').
- 2) This Exemption applies to those persons that hold a UK issued AOC (B) and operating a UK registered balloon, with a Valid Certificate of Airworthiness and with an appropriate pilot licence or certificate granted or rendered valid under the ANO.
- 3) This Exemption shall be effective from the date it is signed until 8 April 2019 or until such time as:
 - a) a derogation or amendment is enacted in European legislation relevant to the Air Operations Regulation applicable to Balloons, with a valid Certificate of Airworthiness, whichever is sooner or;
 - b) it is varied, suspended or revoked.

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Explanatory Note:

- 1) This Exemption will permit the continued use of UK AOC (B) subject to the ANO to operate UK registered balloons, with a valid Certificate of Airworthiness whilst European Commission Regulatory development is underway.
- 2) This exemption is necessary to avoid an unnecessary administrative burden to the competent authorities and the operators, for the operation of balloons from date of issue, until Regulation (EU) 2018/395 is applicable on 8 April 2019.

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.

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