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The Civil Aviation Authority, pursuant to Section 11 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and after consulting with the Secretary of State, hereby makes a Scheme for determining the charges to be paid to the CAA in connection with the performance by the CAA of the following functions conferred on it by or under the Order:

- i) the granting of permissions and exemptions for the organisation of flying displays;
- ii) the granting of display authorisations;
- iii) the granting of exemptions relating to the dropping of articles;
- iv) the granting of exemptions and permissions in specified circumstances in relation to low flying;
- v) the granting of exemptions in relation to overtaking;
- vi) the granting of permissions in relation to speed limitation;
- vii) the granting of parachuting permissions;
- viii) the granting of exemptions relating to the conduct of parachuting operations;
- ix) the approval of persons for the purpose of submitting reports in respect of the granting of parachuting permissions;
- x) the granting of approvals for flight in specified weather conditions and in airspace in which specified navigation or height keeping performance is required;
- xi) the granting of approvals for aerial work by small aircraft.

1 REVOCATION

- 1.1 The Scheme of Charges published by the CAA on 30 January 2008 determining the charges to be paid to the CAA in connection with the performance by the CAA of the aforesaid functions is hereby revoked.
- 1.2 Section 16(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978 (which relates to the effect of repeals) shall apply to this Scheme as if this Scheme were an enactment and as if the Scheme of 30 January 2008 revoked by paragraph 1.1 above was an enactment thereby repealed.

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3 CHARGES

3.1 Flying displays

Upon making an application for the grant of a Permission to organise a flying display as required under Article 80 of the Order, the applicant shall pay a charge of the amount specified in Column 2 of Table 1 according to the number of display items applied for as set out in Column 1 of Table 1.

Table 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Number of Display Items				
1 - 3	£180	£89	£118	£144
4 - 6	£433	£217	£288	£346
7 - 12	£651	£326	£433	£522
13 - 18	£976	£487	£651	£780
19 - 24	£1,444	£722	£962	£1,155
25 - 30	£1,949	£976	£1,299	£1,559
31 or more	£2,599	£1,299	£1,735	£2,082

Provided that:

- a) Where more than one application is received in respect of a single one to three display item event:
 - i) in the case of two applications, the applicants shall between them pay the charge specified in Column 2 of Table 1 on a pro rata basis according to the number of display items contained in each application;
 - ii) in the case of three applications each for a single item, each applicant shall pay half the charge specified in Column 2 of Table 1.
- b) Where a single application is made for more than one flying display at the same location where each display included in the application is to take place within 12 months of the date of the application, the total charge to be paid by the applicant shall be calculated in respect of each display in accordance with Column 2 of Table 1 but reduced by 10%.
- c) When a Permission has been granted to organise an event and application is made for the grant of a subsequent Permission to organise an event which is to take place at the same location, the applicant shall pay: the charge specified in Column 3 of Table 1 if the event is to take place within fifteen days of the previous event; the charge specified in Column 4 of Table 1 if the event is to take place within thirty days of the previous event; or the charge specified in Column 5 of Table 1 if the event is to take place within ninety days of the previous event.

3.2 **Display authorisations**

- a) Upon making an application for the grant of a Display Authorisation issued under Article 80 of the Order, the applicant shall pay a charge of £144.
- b) Upon making an application for a variation to an existing Display Authorisation issued under Article 80 of the Order, the applicant shall pay a charge of £63.
- c) Upon making an application for an exemption from the need to hold a Display Authorisation under Article 80 of the Order, the applicant shall pay a charge of £108.

NOTE 1: Sub-paragraphs 3.2 a), b) and c) above are applicable to an individual pilot.

3.3 **Exemptions in relation to dropping of articles**

Subject to sub-paragraph d), upon making an application for an exemption from Article 66 of the Order, for the following purposes:

- a) the dropping of articles such as flour bags, streamers, water filled balloons and flower petals that are to be dropped as part of an aircraft race or contest, a flying display or other special event, the applicant shall pay:
 - i) in respect of each application for a single event irrespective of the number of aircraft involved, a charge of £108, or
 - ii) in respect of each application for a single flight attending more than one event, a charge of £216;
- b) the dropping of balloon competition markers, the applicant shall pay a charge of £108;
- c) the towing, picking up, raising and lowering or dropping of articles by helicopters when part of an aircraft race or contest, a flying display or other special event, the applicant shall pay a charge of £108;

- d) where application is made for an exemption for the purpose of dropping flower petals at a remembrance ceremony only, or for the scattering of ashes, no charge shall be payable by virtue of this sub-paragraph.

3.4 Exemptions and permissions in relation to low flying

- a) Upon making an application for a permission under Rule 5(3)(c) of the Rules of the Air (flight below 1,000 feet above the highest fixed object within 600 metres of the aircraft) in respect of any flight which is:
 - i) part of or connected with an aircraft race or contest, a flying display or other special event; or
 - ii) under or connected with a long term exemption granted for the purposes of display practice or flight testing; or
 - iii) a take off by a manned balloon in a congested area;the applicant shall pay a charge of £108 where the number of locations is three or less, or £216 where the number of locations is four or more.
- b) Upon making an application for a permission under Rule 5(3)(b) of the Rules of the Air (flight closer than 500 feet to any person, vessel, vehicle or structure) in respect of an aircraft race or contest, a flying display, filming of an aircraft, air to ground photography or other special event or a long term exemption for the purposes of display practice, the applicant shall pay:
 - i) where three or less aircraft are participating, a charge of £108; or
 - ii) where four or more aircraft are participating, a charge of £216.
- c) Upon making an application for a permission under Rule 5 of the Rules of the Air in respect of an aerial work flight where the aircraft is operated other than by the holder of an air operator certificate or aerial application certificate, the applicant shall pay a charge of £108.

3.5 Exemptions in relation to overtaking

Upon making an application for an exemption from Rule 17(4) of the Rules of the Air (the overtaking rule) in respect of an aircraft race or contest, the applicant shall pay a charge of £108.

NOTE 2: Sub-paragraphs 3.3 b), 3.3 c), 3.4 and 3.5 above are applicable to individual aircraft or to a number of aircraft at a specific event.

3.6 Combined applications

When an application is made which specifies the same venue and date in respect of more than one permission or exemption described in paragraphs 3.3, 3.4 or 3.5, the total charge to be paid shall be the highest of the appropriate charges specified in those paragraphs.

3.7 Permission in relation to speed limitation

Upon making an application for a permission under Rule 23 of the Rules of the Air (flight in excess of 250 knots below 10,000 feet), the applicant shall pay:

- a) in the case of an application in respect of a single aircraft, a charge of £108; or
- b) in the case of an application in respect of two or more aircraft, a charge of £216.

3.8 Permissions and Exemptions in relation to aerial work

- 3.8.1 Upon making an application for a permission under Articles 98 and 99 of the Order for aerial work involving small aircraft or rockets, the applicant shall pay £108.

3.8.2 Upon making an application for an exemption under Article 153 of the Order to conduct aerial work by an unmanned aerial vehicle of weight exceeding 20 kg without fuel but including any role equipment, the applicant shall pay:

- a) where the exemption is in relation to a specific flight, a charge of £172; or
- b) where the exemption is to cover flights over a period of 12 months, a charge of £402.

3.9 Parachuting – grant and renewal charges

3.9.1 When an application is made by a club, centre, school or other organisation for the grant or renewal of a parachuting permission and any related exemption being an application which does not relate to unusual parachuting activity, other than an application which is supported by a recommendation made by a person approved by the CAA, the applicant shall pay either:

- a) a charge of £8,235; or
- b) where the CAA determines that a full investigation is not necessary for the purpose of satisfying itself of the applicant's competency, a charge of £2,745.

3.9.2 When an application is made by a display team or a trials team for the grant or renewal of a parachuting permission and any related exemption being an application which does not relate to unusual parachuting activity, other than an application which is supported by a recommendation made by a person approved by the CAA, the applicant shall pay a charge of £470.

NOTE 3: Permissions and/or exemptions will normally be valid for a period not exceeding 12 months, until and including 31 March in any year, with the exception that special parachuting permissions and/or exemptions will normally be valid for a period not exceeding 28 days.

NOTE 4: No charge is payable in respect of an application described in sub-paragraphs 3.9.1 or 3.9.2 above which is supported by a recommendation by an approved person.

3.10 Parachuting – variation charges

3.10.1 When an application is made for the variation of a parachuting permission and/or exemption, being an application which does not relate to unusual parachuting activity, the applicant shall pay a charge of £46.

3.10.2 When an application is made for the variation of a parachuting permission and/or exemption, being an application which relates to unusual parachuting activity, the applicant shall pay the charge specified in sub-paragraph 3.11.1 in respect of an application for a special parachuting permission.

3.11 Parachuting – grant and renewal of a special permission or exemption

3.11.1 When an application is made for the grant or renewal of a special parachuting permission and/or related exemption, the applicant shall pay a charge of £470.

3.11.2 In respect of an application for the grant of such a permission and/or exemption, the applicant shall in addition pay for the investigations required by the CAA a charge of such amount as may be decided by the CAA having regard, in accordance with sub-paragraph 3.11.3, to the expense incurred by it in making the investigations but not exceeding £18,000 for any year, or part of the year, during which the investigations are carried out.

3.11.3 For the purpose of sub-paragraph 3.11.2, the CAA shall determine the expense incurred by it in making the investigations therein referred to by taking the number of man hours required to complete the investigation and multiplying that number by £90.

3.12 **Parachuting – approval of persons**

3.12.1 Upon making an application for the grant of an approval of a person authorised to make recommendations to the CAA in respect of applications for the grant or renewal of parachuting permissions, the applicant shall pay a charge of £26,750.

3.12.2 In respect of the investigations required by the CAA for the purposes of satisfying itself that such an approval should remain in force for a period of 12 months commencing 1 April in any year, the holder of the approval shall pay on 1 April in that year, a charge of £26,750.

3.13 **Approval for flights in poor visibility and in specified airspace**

3.13.1 **All Weather Operations (AWOPS)**

Upon making an application for the grant or renewal of a three-year approval under Article 49 of the Order for non-public transport operators to undertake operations to Category II and III minima, the applicant shall pay a charge of £6,053.

3.13.2 **Minimum Navigation Performance Specification (MNPS)**

Upon making an application for the grant or renewal of a three-year approval under Article 56 of the Order of the equipment required by UK-registered aircraft flying otherwise than under and in accordance with an air operator's certificate granted by the CAA to the operator, to fly in the North Atlantic minimum navigation performance airspace, its installation, maintenance and related procedures, the applicant shall pay a charge of £674.

3.13.3 **Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM)**

Upon making an application for the grant or renewal of a three-year approval under Article 57 of the Order of the equipment required by UK-registered aircraft flying otherwise than under and in accordance with an air operator's certificate granted by the CAA to the operator, to fly in notified reduced vertical separation minimum airspace, its installation, maintenance and related procedures, the applicant shall pay a charge of £3,796.

3.13.4 **Area Navigation Route or Area (RNAV)**

Upon making an application for the grant or renewal of a three-year approval under Article 59 of the Order for UK-registered aircraft flying otherwise than under and in accordance with an air operator's certificate granted by the CAA to the operator, to fly in controlled airspace notified as an area navigation route/area or designated required navigation performance airspace, the applicant shall pay a charge of £674.

3.14 **Permissions in relation to Minimum Equipment Requirements**

Upon making an application for a permission under Article 21 of the Order to commence a flight notwithstanding that any specified item of equipment required by or under the Order in the circumstances of the intended flight is not carried or is not in a fit condition for use, the applicant shall pay a charge of £4,598 for the initial issue with a validity of three years and a charge of £1,672 upon renewal.

3.15 **Copies of documents**

Upon making an application for the issue by the CAA of a copy or replacement of a document issued under Part 5 of the Order or the Rules of the Air Regulations, the applicant shall pay a charge of £21.

3.16 **Additional charge where functions are performed abroad**

Where, in connection with any function in respect of which a charge is specified in this Scheme, the CAA deems it necessary for an employee of the CAA or any other person appointed to act on behalf of the CAA to travel outside of the country in which he is normally stationed (for which purpose the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands shall be treated as one country) the applicant shall pay, in addition to the appropriate charge specified in this Scheme, a charge of such amount as may be decided by the CAA having regard to the expense thereby incurred by it but not exceeding, in respect of each Member or employee of the CAA or each person appointed to act on behalf of the CAA, £12,650 per week, or part thereof, during which each such Member or employee or any other person appointed to act on behalf of the CAA is absent from the country in which he is normally stationed.

4 DEFINITIONS

4.1 For the purposes of this Scheme:

- a) 'The Order' means the Air Navigation Order 2005 and any reference to an Article or Part of that Order shall, if that order be amended or revoked, be taken to be a reference to the corresponding provisions of the Order for the time being in force.
- b) 'Display item' means a discrete flying display by one or more aircraft.
- c) 'Event' means a flying display taking place at a single location on a single day.
- d) 'Unusual parachuting activity' includes high altitude jumps, stand-off and any other activity which the CAA considers in the particular case to be an unusual parachuting activity.
- e) 'A special parachuting permission' means a parachuting permission which relates to unusual parachuting activity.

4.2 All other expressions used in this Scheme shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same respective meanings as in the Order.

NOTE 5: Charges for approvals in the circumstances referred to in paragraphs 3.13.2, 3.13.3 and 3.13.4 which are required by aircraft flying under and in accordance with an air operator's certificate granted by the CAA to the operator are included (though not separately identified) in the AOC Scheme of Charges.

5 COMMENCEMENT

This Scheme shall come into operation on 01 April 2009.