



Miscellaneous

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UK Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012

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Authorisation

UK Standardised European Rules of the Air – Special VFR Flights within the Blackbushe Local Flying Area

Background

- 1) As part of the Blackbushe aerodrome traffic zone now lies within the Farnborough control zone, Farnborough and Blackbushe Airports have established a letter of agreement to address the requirements of class D airspace, whilst minimising the impact on the ability of each air traffic services unit to handle their respective traffic. This is achieved primarily through the implementation of a local flying area, hereafter referred to as the 'Blackbushe Local Flying Area'.

Interpretation

- 2) In this authorisation, references to EU regulations are to those regulations as retained and amended in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and are referenced hereafter as "UK Regulation (EU) year/number" or "UK Regulation (EU) No. number/year".

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- 3) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), for the purposes of SERA.8005(b)(5) of the Annex to UK Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 ('the Standardised European Rules of the Air' (SERA)), hereby authorises that standard separation may not be provided between special VFR flights operating within the Blackbushe Local Flying Area as notified within the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication, subject to the conditions at paragraph 4.
- 4) The conditions specified in paragraph 3 are that aircraft are flown within the Blackbushe Local Flying Area at an altitude not exceeding 1,500 feet (FT) above mean sea level (AMSL) and:
 - a) by day only;
 - b) clear of cloud, with the surface in sight;
 - c) in a flight visibility of at least 3,000 metres (M);
 - d) at a speed which, according to its airspeed indicator, is 140 knots (KT) or less, to give adequate opportunity to observe other traffic and any obstacles in time to avoid a collision; and,

- e) when the reported meteorological conditions at Farnborough aerodrome include:
 - i) a ground visibility of not less than 3,000 M;
 - ii) a cloud ceiling of not less than 600 FT.
- 5) This authorisation supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1467, which is revoked.

Date in Force

- 6) This authorisation has effect from 27 September 2021 until it is revoked.

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Explanatory Note - Special VFR Flights within the Blackbushe Local Flying Area

1. This authorisation does not include exemption from the requirements of SERA.5010(b) (Special VFR in control zones).
2. As part of the Blackbushe aerodrome traffic zone now lies within the Farnborough control zone, Farnborough and Blackbushe Airports have established a letter of agreement to address the requirements of Farnborough Airport's class D airspace, while minimising the impact on the ability of each air traffic services unit to handle their respective traffic. This is achieved primarily through the implementation of the Blackbushe Local Flying Area; notified within the UK AIP for Farnborough at AD 2.22 section 6.
3. When the official meteorological report at Farnborough indicates a ground visibility of less than 5 KM, all aircraft flying within the Blackbushe Local Flying Area will be considered as special VFR flights. Compliance with the procedures published within the UK AIP for Blackbushe (EGLK AD 2.22 section 5) will be accepted as compliance with a special VFR clearance.
4. When the official meteorological report at Farnborough indicates a cloud ceiling at or greater than 1,500 FT, or a ground visibility of 5 KM or greater, yet the meteorological conditions within the Blackbushe Local Flying Area preclude VFR flight, pilots may operate special VFR within the local flying area. Compliance with the procedures published within the UK AIP for Blackbushe (EGLK AD 2.22 section 5) will be accepted as compliance with a special VFR clearance, provided that the pilot informs 'Blackbushe Information' that the flight is operating special VFR.
5. Separation between aircraft operating within the Blackbushe Local Flying Area is not provided. Pilots are responsible for providing their own separation from other such aircraft within the said local flying area.