



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E5646

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**Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) – Operations in Accordance with a Police Air Operator’s Certificate**

**Background**

- 1) This Exemption is issued to allow alleviation from the specified requirements of SERA for Police flights.

**Interpretation**

- 2) In this Exemption, 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 as “UK Regulation (EU) year/number” or “UK Regulation (EU) No. number/year”.
- 3) “(UK) SERA” means the Annex to UK Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012, the ‘(UK) Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)’, and references to SERA followed by a number mean the corresponding provision within SERA.
- 4) In this Exemption ‘police air operator’s certificate’ and ‘pilot in command’ have the same meanings as in Schedule 1 of the Air Navigation Order 2016.

**Exemption**

- 5) The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), pursuant to Article 4 of UK Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 (‘the Standardised European Rules of the Air’ (SERA)), exempts the operator and the pilot in command of any aircraft (‘the aircraft’) flying in accordance with the terms of a police air operator’s certificate from the requirements of SERA specified in paragraph 6 and subject to the conditions in paragraph 7.
- 6) The specified requirements of SERA in paragraph 5 are:
  - a) SERA.3105 (Minimum heights);
  - b) SERA.3135 (Formation Flights);
  - c) SERA.3210(a) (Right-of-way);
  - d) SERA.5001, Table S5-1, 5 km [7] (VMC visibility class G airspace - At and below 900 m (3000 ft) AMSL, or 300 m (1000 ft) above terrain, whichever is the higher);
  - e) SERA.5005(c)(3) (Visual Flight Rules flights at night – VMC visibility, distance from cloud and cloud ceiling minima);

- f) SERA.5005(c)(5) (Visual Flight Rules flights at night – minimum altitudes); and
  - g) SERA.5005(f) (Visual Flight Rules flights by day – minimum heights).
- 7) On any flight pursuant to this Exemption, the following conditions apply:
- a) the pilot in command of the aircraft shall only depart from the specified requirements of SERA at paragraph 6 to the extent necessary to achieve the purpose of the flight; and
  - b) the operator of the aircraft shall specify in the operations manual the procedures and minima applicable to police flights as approved by the CAA.
- 8) This Exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1443, which is revoked.

**Date in Force**

- 9) This Exemption has effect from the date it is signed and remains in force until it is revoked.

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