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The Carriage of Electroshock Weapons by Police Officers on Board an Aircraft

Background

- 1) United Kingdom legislation (the Air Navigation Order, the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations and UK Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012), requires that dangerous goods be carried in accordance with the Technical Instructions (TIs). Under the TIs, the carriage of dangerous goods must either comply with the specific requirements applicable to the particular dangerous goods or be carried in accordance with an exemption permitted by that document.
- 2) This is such an exemption in so far as it relates to passengers who are serving police officers from a UK police force carried on an aircraft operated by the holder of a United Kingdom Air Operator Certificate which has been issued under Annex II, Part-ARO, to UK Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 or on an aircraft operated by the holder of a United Kingdom Air Operator Certificate issued under the Air Navigation Order, other than a Police Air Operator Certificate, authorising the carriage of electroshock weapons, which contain dangerous goods, without complying with the specific passenger provisions in the Technical Instructions.
- 3) Electroshock weapons carried in accordance with this approval, permission and exemption are therefore carried in accordance with the Technical Instructions and thus in accordance with UK legislation. Since electroshock weapons are considered to be 'munitions of war', they may not be carried by an operator unless that operator holds an approval or a permission to carry such items. This is such an approval and permission to permit the carriage of electroshock weapons by passengers who are serving police officers from a UK police force only.

Interpretation

- 4) In this approval, permission and 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 hereafter as "UK Regulation (EU) year/number" or "UK Regulation (EU) No. number/year".
- 5) In this approval, permission and exemption, 'Technical Instructions' means the latest effective edition of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284-AN/905), including the Supplement and any Addendum, approved and published by decision of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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Approval, Permission and Exemption

- 6) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), as permitted by and in accordance with Part 1;1.1.3 of the Technical Instructions and Article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order'), exempts operators of aircraft referred to in paragraph 9) a) and serving United Kingdom Police Officers from the provisions of regulation 4(1) and (2) of the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2002 and Part 8;1.1.1 of the Technical Instructions and from Article 99 of the Order in order to permit the carriage of electroshock weapons (e.g. Tasers), subject to the conditions in paragraph 9.
- 7) The CAA, for the purposes of UK Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012, CAT.GEN.MPA.155(a), approves the transport of electroshock weapons that are munitions of war within the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions in paragraph 9.
- 8) The CAA, in accordance with Article 98(2)(a) of the Order, permits the carriage of munitions of war within the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions in paragraph 9.
- 9) This exemption, approval and permission is granted subject to the following conditions:
 - a) electroshock weapons shall only be carried on:
 - i) an aircraft operated by the holder of a United Kingdom Air Operator Certificate which has been issued under Annex II Part-ARO to UK Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012; or
 - ii) an aircraft operated by the holder of a United Kingdom Air Operator Certificate issued under the Air Navigation Order, other than a Police Air Operator Certificate;
 - b) the Police Officer shall seek the approval of the aircraft operator for the carriage of the electroshock weapons in advance of the flight;
 - c) the electroshock weapons shall be in an appropriate container in a manner that will prevent accidental activation, and carried as the checked in baggage of the Police Officer;
 - d) the aircraft operator shall, before a flight begins, inform the commander of the aircraft, in writing, of the location of the electroshock weapons; and
 - e) the electroshock weapons shall only be carried on flights conducted solely within United Kingdom airspace.
- 10) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1205, which is revoked.

Date in Force

- 11) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 28 February 2025, both dates inclusive, unless revoked.

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