



Miscellaneous

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General Authorisation

Glider Towing with UK National Permit to Fly Aircraft

Background

- 1) This general authorisation replaces the previous general authorisation published as Official Record Series 4 No.1322 to authorise glider towing operations using UK National Permit to Fly Aircraft.

Authorisation

- 2) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), pursuant to Article 87 (1)(b)(i) of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order') hereby authorises the specified aircraft, subject to the specified conditions, to fly for the purposes of towing gliders.
- 3) The specified aircraft is any aeroplane flying in accordance with a UK National Permit to Fly.
- 4) The specified conditions are—
 - a) This authorisation only applies to an aeroplane being used for the purpose of towing gliders whilst owned, or operated under arrangements entered into, by a club affiliated to the British Gliding Association;
 - b) The aeroplane has been appropriately modified for Aerial Towing and the appropriate provisions have been included within the Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH);
 - c) The aeroplane has a valid Permit to Fly supported by a current Certificate of Validity;
 - d) The pilot of the aeroplane and any person carried in the aeroplane, or in any glider towed by the aeroplane must be members of—
 - i. The club which owns or operates the aeroplane; or
 - ii. A related club.
 - e) The only valuable consideration given or promised in respect of the flight, or the purpose of the flight must be in respect of and no greater than the direct costs of the flight and/or an appropriate contribution to the annual costs, and given by one or more members of –
 - i. The club which owns or operates the aeroplane; or
 - ii. A related club.
- 5) In this authorisation a related club means a club affiliated to the British Gliding Association which has entered into an arrangement with the club which owns or operates an aeroplane which is the subject of this authorisation.

Date in Force

- 6) This authorisation has effect from the date hereof and will remain in force, unless revoked.

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Explanatory Note:

- 1) The Air Navigation Order at Article 87 restricts glider towing to those aircraft that hold a Certificate of Airworthiness. This general authorisation allows UK National Permit to Fly to conduct glider towing subject to specified conditions.