



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 6243

Sikorsky S92A Helicopter Offshore Operations – Helicopter Terrain Awareness and Warning System (HTAWS)

Background

- 1) Certain Sikorsky S92A helicopters operating under a SPA.HOFO Specific Approval are required to be fitted with HTAWS with enhanced capabilities from 1 January 2025. Helicopter Operators and Sikorsky, the OEM, have indicated that the work to upgrade HTAWS cannot be completed in time to meet that implementation date.
- 2) Sikorsky has committed to achieving full compliance for the S92A, including deployment on affected aircraft, by October 2026. Sikorsky letter ref. CAL-24-5455 dated 31 October 2024 refers.
- 3) This exemption is granted to meet urgent operational needs to permit continued operation while the upgrade is completed.

Exemption

- 4) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), pursuant to article 71(1) of UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, hereby exempts, subject to the conditions detailed in paragraph 6, the Operator of any Sikorsky S92A helicopter specified in paragraph 5 from the requirements of SPA.HOFO.160(c)(ii) of UK Regulation (EU) 965/2012 with regard to HTAWS.
- 5) This exemption applies only to the Operators of Sikorsky S92A helicopters first issued with an individual C of A after 31 December 1999, used in CAT operations and operating under a SPA.HOFO Specific Approval.
- 6) This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Sikorsky S-92A helicopters must be equipped with HTAWS meeting the requirements of SPA.HOFO.160(c)(i) of UK Reg (EU) 965/2012;
 - b. Sikorsky S-92A helicopters must meet the requirements of SPA.HOFO.160(c)(ii) of UK Reg (EU) 965/2012 by 31 October 2026;
 - c. this exemption E 6243 shall be recorded in the appropriate aircraft records; and

- d. Operators wishing to use this exemption must obtain prior approval from their assigned Flight Operations Inspector.

Date in Force

- 7) This exemption shall have effect from the date it is signed until 31 October 2026, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Explanatory Note:

Paragraphs 4 and 6 of this exemption refer to specific parts of SPA.HOFO.160. At the time of writing the exemption the official version of the regulation is numbered as SPA.HOFO.160(c)(i) and SPA.HOFO.160(c)(ii). However, these references are due to be changed in the near future to SPA.HOFO.160(c)(1) and SPA.HOFO.160(c)(2) and in some (unofficial) published versions of the regulation this change has already been made.

For the sake of clarity, the following requirements are what are being referred to:

‘SPA.HOFO.160 Equipment requirements

- (c) Helicopter terrain awareness warning system (HTAWS)
 - (i) Helicopters used in CAT operations with a maximum certificated take-off mass of more than 3175 kg or a MOPSC of more than 9 and first issued with an individual C of A after 31 December 2018 shall be equipped with an HTAWS that provides classic mode functionality and meets an acceptable standard.
 - (ii) From 1 January 2025, helicopters used in CAT operations with a maximum certificated take-off mass of more than 3175 kg or a MOPSC of more than 9 and first issued with an individual C of A after 31 December 1999 shall be equipped with an HTAWS configured for offshore operations as specified in an acceptable standard.’