

1 October 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation: CAP 772 - Aerodrome Wildlife Strike Hazard Management and Reduction (previously Birdstrike Risk Management for Aerodromes)

Introduction

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) publishes guidance in CAP 772 concerning the essential elements required to address the hazard posed by wildlife on and in the vicinity of an aerodrome. The guidance was last amended in September 2008.

This amendment of CAP 772 has been developed jointly by CAA and, under contract, with the Animal Health Veterinary Laboratories Agency (formerly FERA/CSL).

The drafting stage has now been completed and the draft CAP is provided for formal external consultation. Please note that due to the amount of changes that have been made, revision mark-up is not shown – effectively, it is a complete new edition. Please also note the proposed new title and that this version incorporates the new CAA house style for all publications.

Summary of changes as follows:

1. General editing of the document to include new and relevant information, updated to meet current and future EASA requirements and to remove irrelevant material;
2. Updated to include references throughout and relevant hyperlinks to respective external web pages etc;
3. Introduction - to include reference to the relevant national legislation, rules and laws governing bird and wildlife strike prevention and to ensure that the guidance provided in the document is linked to the guidance within CAP 168 Licensing of Aerodromes and future proofed to the EASA Aerodrome Implementing Rules (IR) (ADR.AR.C.060 and ADR.OPS.B.020) by way of adopting the contents of CAP 772 as the UK's 'acceptable means of compliance' to the IR;
4. Includes new information to ensure clarification of impacts of wildlife management on conservation designated sites;
5. Guidance on risk assessment methodologies and relevant processes;
6. Recent developments in grass technologies specific to aerodrome bird and wildlife control are reflected;

7. Inclusion of a wider review of techniques available for active control including a section discussing the use of lethal reinforcement that is more commonly being used as part of an integrated aerodrome bird hazard safety management strategy;
8. Provision of additional information on the liberation of Racing Pigeons in the vicinity of aerodromes;
9. Addition of reporting (birdstrike) definitions and requirements and the process for confirming identifications of remains following a birdstrike occurrence;
10. An update of the aerodrome ecology section to include a checklist of the most likely birds to be found at aerodromes in the UK, and their behaviours;
11. A section on training needs is included for the first time, including a competency framework that provides good practice in accordance with National Occupational Standards. However, the CAA is currently undertaking development of further guidance concerning competencies and the approval/accreditation of training programmes;
12. Information and guidance concerning the use of lasers and avian radar.

Proposal

The CAA invites stakeholders to review and comment on CAP 772. The draft document can be viewed on the Consultations area of the CAA website via www.caa.co.uk/consultations.

A comment submission form is appended to the consultation web page for completion and submission to the CAA via consultation.aatsd@caa.co.uk.

All comments must be received by **26 November 2013**. Comments received later than this date may be disregarded.

Yours faithfully

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