

UK Civil Aviation Authority

Guidance Material for compliance with SPA.HOFO.165(c)

The following Guidance Material (GM) is provided by the UK CAA to assist operators conducting offshore helicopter operations in accordance with SPA.HOFO of Annex V to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, in identifying suitable Emergency Breathing Systems for use by passengers and crew. This GM supports, and should be read in conjunction with, the published AMC1 SPA.HOFO.165(c) which states:

“The EBS of SPA.HOFO.165(c) should be an EBS system capable of rapid underwater deployment.”

GM SPA.HOFO.165(c) Additional procedures and equipment for operations in hostile environment

EMERGENCY BREATHING SYSTEM (EBS)

To ensure that an EBS system capable of rapid underwater deployment is appropriate for use by passengers or crew, and has been demonstrated not to interfere with the correct operation of the approved survival suits or life jackets or crew duties, it should meet either Category ‘A’ of the specification detailed in [CAP 1034](#), [prEN/EN 4856](#) or an equivalent specification for EBS.

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Note: The CAA previously published an Alternative Means of Compliance and Guidance Material at Version 01, dated 14 of June 2018, which has been withdrawn and superseded by this GM.