

Miscellaneous

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[Air Navigation Order 2016](#)

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General Permission

Aerotowing of Hang Gliders by Type Approved Microlight Aeroplanes

Background

- 1) This General Permission replaces previous Permission 1584 with regard to the use of Type Approved microlight aeroplanes for the towing of Hang Gliders.

Interpretation

- 2) In this Permission,
 - a) the “Order” means the Air Navigation Order 2016 (as amended)
 - b) the “CAA” means the Civil Aviation Authority
 - c) a non-Part 21 glider¹ is limited to a maximum empty mass of no more than 80kg when single-seater, or 100kg when two-seater.
 - d) “Type approved microlight aeroplane” means a microlight aeroplane which is in conformity with a type approval data sheet approved by the CAA, or an organisation approved by the CAA.

Permission

- 3) The CAA, pursuant to Article 42(1)(b) of the Order, hereby permits the specified aircraft to fly for the purposes of a commercial operation that consists of the towing of a non-Part 21 glider.
- 4) The specified aircraft is any Type Approved microlight aeroplane that has been approved, either by the CAA or an organisation approved by the CAA, for the purpose of towing hang gliders in accordance with the supplement to BCAR Section S entitled ‘Requirements for Microlight Aeroplanes to be used for Aerotowing of Hang Gliders’.
- 5) This Permission supersedes Official Record Series 4 No.1584, which is revoked.

¹ See Schedule 1 of the Order

Date in Force

- 6) This Permission has effect from the date it is signed until 30 September 2029, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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