



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E6583

The Requirement to Carry Automatic Direction-Finding Equipment in Specified Circumstances

Background

- 1) This exemption applies to aircraft that are required to be equipped with area navigation equipment that complies with Article 84 or 85 of the Air Navigation Order 2016, which enables the aircraft to maintain the navigation performance capability notified, prescribed, or otherwise designated for that airspace.
- 2) There are non-Part 21 aircraft, operating as public transport in the UK, for which the Air Navigation Order 2016 is applicable (e.g. police and search and rescue).
- 3) Article 119(2) requires that public transport aircraft registered in the United Kingdom are equipped and marked in accordance with Schedule 6 (aircraft equipment). Schedule 6, Part 2, paragraph 3 describes the aircraft and circumstances of flight, and the scale of equipment required. All aircraft (other than gliders and self-launching motor gliders (SLMGs)) within the UK flying under Instrument Flight Rules within controlled airspace and all aircraft (other than gliders and SLMGs) within the UK flying at or above flight level 245 require radio communication and radio navigation equipment listed at Scale F, in addition to equipment given in other scales. Schedule 6, Part 2, paragraph 4, Scale F includes the requirement for automatic direction finding-equipment.
- 4) Schedule 6 for such public transport operations will be aligned with the UK Air Operations Regulation in due course, which does not require such equipment, subject to certain conditions.

Exemption

- 5) The Civil Aviation Authority, in exercise of its powers under Article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016, exempts any aircraft flying in the circumstances described in that order at Schedule 6, Part 2, paragraph 3, from the requirement to carry automatic direction-finding equipment as specified in Schedule 6, Part 2, paragraph 4, Scale F, sub-paragraph (a).
- 6) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1623 which is revoked.

Date in Force

- 7) This exemption has effect from the date of signature until 31 March 2027, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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