

Miscellaneous

No: 1666

[Air Navigation Order 2016](#)

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General Exemption E6693

Balloon Pilots – Flying Displays

Background

- 1) This General Exemption is being issued for compelling reasons and applies to holders of a Part-BFCL Balloon Pilot Licence or Private Pilot's Licence (Balloons and Airships). It covers flying in a Balloon as part of a flying display without having to apply for a specific display authorisation.

Interpretation

- 2) In this exemption,
 - a) the "Order" means the Air Navigation Order 2016 (as amended)
 - b) the "CAA" means the Civil Aviation Authority.

Exemption

- 3) The CAA, pursuant to Article 266 of the Order, hereby exempts any person who is the holder of a Part-BFCL Balloon Pilot Licence or Private Pilot's Licence (Balloons and Airships), from the provisions of Articles 86(2)(c) and Article 86(4) of the Order for the purpose of participating at a flying display.
- 4) In addition, the Flying Display Director is hereby exempt from the provisions of Article 86(5) of the Order for the purpose of allowing any person who is the holder of a Part-BFCL Balloon Pilot Licence or Private Pilot's Licence (Balloons and Airships) to act as pilot-in-command of a balloon participating at a flying display.
- 5) This exemption is granted subject to the condition that the licence must be valid so that it authorises the holder to act as pilot in command of a balloon on any flight made under this exemption.
- 6) This exemption supersedes the Official Record Series 4 No.1611 which is revoked.

Date in Force

- 7) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 30 September 2028, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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