

Annex I to ED Decision 2023/007/R

**'AMC & GM to Annex II (Part-ARO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 —
Issue 3, Amendment 14'**

The text of the amendment is arranged to show deleted, new or amended text as shown below:

- (a) deleted text is ~~struck through~~;
- (b) new or amended text is highlighted in blue;
- (c) an ellipsis '[...]' indicates that the rest of the text is unchanged.

Note to the reader

In amended, and in particular in existing (that is, unchanged) text, 'Agency' is used interchangeably with 'EASA'. The interchangeable use of these two terms is more apparent in the consolidated versions. Therefore, please note that both terms refer to the 'European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)'.

The Annex to Decision 2014/025/R of 28 July 2014 of the Executive Director of the Agency is amended as follows:

~~GM4 ARO.OPS.200 – Specific approval procedure~~

~~SPA.PINS VFR APPROVAL PROCEDURE~~

~~When issuing an approval for helicopter PinS approaches and departures with reduced VFR minima, the competent authority may use the ‘OTHERS’ box of Appendix II (EASA Form 139).~~

AMC2 ARO.OPS.215 Approval of helicopter operations over a hostile environment located outside a congested area

ENDORSEMENT BY ANOTHER STATE

(a) Whenever the operator applies for an endorsement to operate over hostile environment located outside a congested area in another State in accordance with CAT.POL.H.420, the competent authority of that other State should only grant the endorsement once it is satisfied that:

- (1) the safety risk assessment is appropriate to the area overflown, considering which of the following operations are relevant to the application:
 - (i) HEMS operations, in accordance with SPA.HEMS.125(a)(2);
 - (ii) HEMS operations, in accordance with SPA.HEMS.125(a)(3);
 - (iii) CAT operations, other than the above; and
- (2) the operator’s substantiation that preclude the use of the appropriate performance criteria are appropriate for the area overflown.

(b) The competent authority of that other State should inform the competent authority of the Member State responsible for issuing the approval.

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DESIGNATED AREAS

The authority may, based on its own assessment or on the substantiation of operators, designate different areas for the following operations:

- (a) HEMS operations, in accordance with SPA.HEMS.125(a)(2);
- (b) HEMS operations, in accordance with SPA.HEMS.125(a)(3);
- (c) CAT operations, other than the above.

AMC2 ARO.OPS.220 Approval of helicopter operations to or from a public interest site

ENDORSEMENT BY ANOTHER STATE

- (a) Whenever the operator applies for an endorsement to operate to/from a public interest site in another State in accordance with CAT.POL.H.225, the competent authority of that other State should only grant the endorsement once it is satisfied that:
 - (1) the conditions of CAT.POL.H.225(a)(1) through (5) can be met by the operator at those sites for which endorsement is requested; and
 - (2) the operations manual includes the procedures to comply with CAT.POL.H.225(b) for these sites for which endorsement is requested.
- (b) The competent authority of that other State should inform the competent authority of the Member State responsible for issuing the approval.
- (c) The competent authority of that other State should notify the competent authority of the Member State responsible for issuing the approval whenever the obstacle environment is known to have changed.

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DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC INTEREST SITES

Each competent authority should maintain a directory of all public interest sites that are subject to an approval or an endorsement in its territory. The directory should contain, for each site:

- (a) the dimensions;
- (b) any obstacle resulting in non-conformance to performance class 1 requirements of helicopter types using the site.

Each competent authority should either publish, or provide to operators and other competent authorities on their request, the point of contact of a person responsible at the public interest site, if available.

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- (a) A permanent obstacle is a natural or artificial obstacle which is expected to remain for 1 year or more. Constructions that are expected to be removed within 1 year are non-permanent, temporary obstacles.
- (b) In the case of temporary changes to the obstacle environment, the competent authority may take the appropriate temporary measures.

- (c) In the case of changes to the obstacle environment at a site located on the territory of another State, the competent authority of the operator may liaise with the competent authority of that State.