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Requirements for the issue of an approval to carry out specialized operations

1. APPLICABILITY

This AIC shall apply to operators interested to carry out specialized operations within the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this AIC is to establish the administrative procedure to be followed by:

1. Operators interested to be authorized for a Specialized or High Risk Specialized Operation Certification.
2. Certified Operators interested to be authorized for a Special Operations **Approval** to carry out a specific specialized operation activity within the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

3. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

3.1 Regulations

- **Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations**, laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 923/2012** laying down the common rules of the air and operational provisions regarding services and procedures in air navigation.
- **Article 107 of the Cyprus Civil Aviation Law (213(I)/2002)** And any amendments thereof.

3.2 Guidance material

- **Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations Annex VIII - Specialised Operations (Part SPO)**

4. DEFINITIONS

- “*Specialised operation*” means any operation other than commercial air transport (CAT) where the aircraft is used for specialised activities such as agriculture, construction, photography, surveying, observation and patrol, aerial advertisement etc.
- “*High risk commercial specialised operation*” means any commercial specialised aircraft operation carried out over an area where the safety of third parties on the ground is likely to be endangered in the event of an emergency or, as determined by the competent authority of the place where the operation is conducted, any commercial specialised aircraft operation that, due to its specific nature and the local environment in which it is conducted, poses a high risk, in particular to third parties on the ground.

For all other terms used in this AIC, the definitions of the above referenced regulations apply.

5. INTRODUCTION

1. Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations.

This Regulation lays down, amongst others, the following

- (a) Detailed rules on the conditions and procedures for the declaration by, and for the oversight of, operators engaged in commercial specialized operations and non commercial operation of complex motor-powered aircraft, including non-commercial specialized operations of complex motor-powered aircraft.
- (b) Detailed rules on the conditions under which certain high risk commercial specialized operations shall be subject to authorization in the interest of safety and on the conditions for issuing, maintaining, amending, limiting, suspending or revoking the authorizations.

2. Article 107 of the Cyprus Civil Aviation Law (213(I) /2002) states that flights for any specialized operation are not allowed, except with the approval of the Cyprus Civil Aviation Department and in accordance with the conditions and within the areas stipulated in that approval.

6. REQUIREMENTS

Operators under scope are required to act as follows:

- (a) Operators who are interested to obtain a **Certification** for a Specialized Operation or for a High Risk Commercial Specialized Operation, should apply to the Director of the Civil Aviation Department for further information and guidance on the certification process.

The Department shall issue such certification to those applicants who can demonstrate full compliance with all applicable requirements.

- (b) Holders of a Specialized or High Risk Specialized Operation Certification who are interested to operate for a specific activity within the Cyprus FIR, should apply for the necessary Special Operations **Approval**, by submitting the application form (DCA/SPO/1) in Appendix 3, to the Director of the Civil Aviation Department at least ten (10) working days in advance of the operation. For aerial photography and videography flights, application form DCA/AF/3 should also be submitted.

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF SPECIALISED OPERATIONS

In accordance with **AMC1 SPO.GEN.005 -Scope of Annex VIII Part SPO of the Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on air operations** the following is a list of activities that can be considered as specialized operations.

(a) Specialized Operations include the following activities:

- (1) helicopter external loads operations;
- (2) helicopter survey operations;
- (3) human external cargo operations;
- (4) parachute operations and skydiving;
- (5) agricultural flights;
- (6) aerial photography flights;
- (7) glider towing;
- (8) aerial advertising flights;
- (9) calibration flights;
- (10) construction work flights, including stringing power line operations, clearing saw operations;
- (11) oil spill work;
- (12) avalanche mining operations;
- (13) survey operations, including aerial mapping operations, pollution control activity;
- (14) news media flights, television and movie flights;
- (15) special events flights, including such as flying display, competition flights;
- (16) aerobatic flights;
- (17) animal herding and rescue flights and veterinary dropping flights;
- (18) maritime funeral operations;
- (19) scientific research flights (other than those under Annex II of Regulation 216/2008); and (20) cloud seeding.

(b) For other operations, the pilot-in-command can apply the criteria specified in AMC1 NCO.SPEC.100 to determine whether an activity falls within the scope of specialized operations.

APPENDIX 2

CRITERIA

In accordance with **AMC1 SPO.GEN.005 Scope of Annex VIII Part SPO of the Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations**, the following are the criteria to determine whether an activity falls within the scope of specialised operations:

- the aircraft is flown close to the surface to fulfil the mission;
- abnormal manoeuvres are performed;
- special equipment is necessary to fulfil the mission and which affects the manoeuvrability of the aircraft;
- substances are released from the aircraft during the flight where these substances are either harmful or affect the manoeuvrability of the aircraft;
- external loads or goods are lifted or towed; or
- persons enter or leave the aircraft during flight.

APPENDIX 3

DCA/SPO/1

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS APPROVAL

A. Applicant's Details

1. **Name of Applicant**

2. **Trading Name** (if different from above)

3. **Address**

4. **Contact details**

Tel.:

Fax:

E-mail:

B. Specialized Operations (SPO) Certificate Details

1. **SPO Certificate Number**

2. **SPO Issuing Authority**

3. **SPO Holder**

4. **SPO Validity Date**

5. **Types of specialized operations approved**

6. **Approved aircraft model and registration marks**

C. Requested Activity

1. **Type of activity requested (e.g. Parachute jumping/Banner towing etc)**

2. **Date and time of the activity (hours in local times)**

Date:	Time:
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3. **Alternative dates and times**

4. **Purpose of the activity**

5. **Description of the area/areas of the activity and routings to be followed
(A map should be attached)**

6. **Pilots Name**

7. Pilot's Licence type and number

Type:	No:
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I hereby confirm that the information above is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature: Date:

Applications to be submitted at least ten working days in advance to:

Director Civil Aviation Department
Pindarou 27, Alpha Business Center
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