

CIVIL AVIATION (RULES OF THE AIR) ORDER 2020 COMPLIANCE WITH CRUISING LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND

1. SERA.5005(g) and SERA.5025(a) permit the competent authority to specify occasions when flights made in accordance with the visual flight rules (VFR) and the instrument flight rules (IFR) may be operated at a cruising level other than that specified in Appendix 3 of SERA.

INTERPRETATION

2. In this General Permission:
 - (a) 'SERA' means the Standardised European Rules of the Air as applied to the Isle of Man by the Civil Aviation (Rules of the Air) Order 2021¹ and set out in Schedule 2 to that Order;
 - (b) 'instrument approach procedure means a series of predetermined manoeuvres by reference to flight instruments with specified protection from obstacles from the initial approach fix, or where applicable, from the beginning of a defined arrival route to a point from which a landing can be completed and thereafter, if a landing is not completed, to a position at which holding or en-route obstacle clearance criteria apply;
 - (c) 'notified' has the same meaning as in Article 4 of the Civil Aviation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 2020².

PERMISSION

3. SERA.5005(g) Visual Flight Rules

- (a) The Department for Enterprise ('the Department') permits, under SERA.5005(g), an aircraft in level cruising flight above 3,000 feet above mean sea level and operated in accordance with the visual flight rules to be flown at a level other than a cruising level appropriate to its magnetic track as specified in the table of cruising levels in Appendix 3 of SERA.

4. SERA.5025(a) IFR – Rules applicable to IFR flights outside controlled airspace

- (a) The Department permits, under SERA.5025(a), an aircraft in level flight outside controlled airspace at or below 3,000 feet above mean sea level and operated in accordance with the instrument flight rules to be flown at a level other than a cruising level appropriate to its magnetic track.
- (b) The Department further permits, under SERA.5025(a), an aircraft in level flight outside controlled airspace above 3,000 feet above mean sea level and operated in accordance with the instrument flight rules to be flown at a level other than a cruising level appropriate to its magnetic track if it flies:
 - (i) in conformity with levels allocated by an appropriate air traffic service unit; or
 - (ii) in accordance with notified instrument approach procedures in relation to an aerodrome.

¹ [SD No. 2021/0184](#)

² [SD No. 2020/0134 as amended](#)

REVOCATION AND VALIDITY

5. This General Permission supersedes General Permission 2021/041 which is hereby revoked.
6. This permission has effect from **08/12/2023** until **31/12/2028** unless revoked or suspended.

For and on behalf of the Department for Enterprise:

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The procedures relating to the allocation of levels by air traffic controllers in uncontrolled airspace are described within UK CAA Publication CAP744 UK Flight Information Services.
2. In relation to paragraph 4(a) above, this permission does not alleviate a pilot from their responsibility to comply with the conditions specified within an air traffic control clearance. Pilots who determine that an air traffic control clearance is not satisfactory are to comply with SERA.8015(b)(2).