



## **RULES OF THE AIR REGULATIONS 2007**

### **VISUAL FLIGHT RULES**

#### **Exemption 11/2020**

1. The Department for Enterprise, in exercise of its powers under Article 156 of the Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015<sup>1</sup>, exempts any aircraft from the requirement to be flown in accordance with Section 5, Rule 27 of the Rules of the Air Regulations 2007<sup>2</sup>, and Section 5, Rule 28 of the Rules of the Air Regulations 2007<sup>2</sup> applied under the Civil Aviation (Subordinate Legislation) (Application) Order 2006 and Civil Aviation (Subordinate Legislation) (Application) Order 2008, that provides for the Visual Flight Rules to be followed whilst flying in the Isle of Man.
2. This exemption is granted subject to the aircraft being flown in accordance with the following VMC minima:
  - (a) Flight within controlled airspace:
    - (1) Subject to paragraph (2), an aircraft flying within Class A, C, D or E airspace:
      - (a) at and above 10,000 ft amsl shall remain at a distance of 1,500 m horizontally and 1,000 ft vertically from cloud and in a flight visibility of at least 8 km.
      - (b) below 10,000 ft amsl and above 3,000 ft amsl or 1,000 ft above terrain, whichever is the higher, shall remain at a distance of 1,500 m horizontally and 1000 ft vertically from cloud and in a flight visibility of at least 5 km.
      - (c) at and below 3,000 ft amsl, or 1,000 ft above terrain, whichever is the higher, shall remain at a distance of 1,500 m horizontally and 1,000 ft vertically from cloud and in a flight visibility of at least 5 km; or
    - (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a helicopter that is air-taxiing or conducting manoeuvres in accordance with Rule 6(i).
  - (b) Flight outside controlled airspace:
    - (1) Subject to paragraph (2) an aircraft flying outside controlled airspace:
      - (a) at or above 10,000 ft amsl shall remain at a distance of 1,500 m horizontally and 1,000 ft vertically from cloud and in a flight visibility of at least 8 km.
      - (b) below 10,000 ft amsl and above 3,000 ft amsl or 1,000 ft above terrain, whichever is the higher shall remain at a distance of 1,500 m horizontally and 1,000 ft vertically from cloud and in a flight visibility of at least 5 km.

<sup>1</sup> SI 2015/870 as amended by SI 2016/155

<sup>2</sup> SI 2007/734 as amended by SI 2007/1371

- (c) at and below 3,000 ft amsl, or 1,000 ft above terrain, whichever is the higher shall:
- (i) remain clear of cloud with the surface in sight and in a flight visibility of at least 5 km; or
  - (ii) remain clear of cloud with the surface in sight, and in a flight visibility of at least 1,500 m, at a speed of 140 KIAS or less to give adequate opportunity to observe other traffic or obstacles in time to avoid collision, and in circumstances in which the probability of encounters with other traffic would normally be low.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a helicopter which is air-taxiing or conducting manoeuvres in accordance with Rule 6(i).

3. Exemption 05/2020 is hereby revoked.

4. This exemption shall have effect from 27 May 2020 to 31 December 2021, unless previously revoked, suspended or varied.

Signed:



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