



## Standardised European Rules of the Air – Operations in Accordance with a Police Air Operator’s Certificate

1. The Department for Enterprise (‘the Department’), in exercise of its powers under Article 9 of the Civil Aviation (Rules of the Air) Order 2021<sup>1</sup>, exempts the operator and the pilot in command of any aircraft (‘the aircraft’) flying in accordance with the terms of a police air operator’s certificate from the requirements of SERA specified in paragraph 2 and subject to the conditions in paragraph 3.
2. The specified requirements of SERA in paragraph 1 are:
  - (a) SERA.3105 (Minimum heights);
  - (b) SERA.3135 (Formation Flights);
  - (c) SERA.3210(a) (Right-of-way);
  - (d) SERA.5001, Table S5-1, 5 km (\*\*\*) (VMC visibility class G airspace);
  - (e) SERA.5005(c)(3) (Visual Flight Rules flights at night – VMC visibility, distance from cloud and cloud ceiling minima);
  - (f) SERA.5005(c)(5) (Visual Flight Rules flights at night – minimum altitudes); and
  - (g) SERA.5005(f) (Visual Flight Rules flights by day – minimum heights).
3. On any flight pursuant to this exemption, the following conditions apply:
  - (a) SERA. the pilot in command of the aircraft shall only depart from the specified requirements of SERA at paragraph 2 to the extent necessary to achieve the purpose of the flight; and
  - (b) the operator of the aircraft shall specify in the operations manual the procedure and minima applicable to police flights as approved by the CAA.
4. In this exemption:
  - (a) ‘police air operator’s certificate’ means a police air operator’s certificate issued by the UK CAA; and
  - (b) ‘pilot in command’ in relation to an aircraft, means the pilot designated by the operator as being in command and charged with the safe conduct of its flight, without being under the direction of any other pilot in the aircraft.
5. This permission has effect from **01 August 2021** until it is revoked.

Signed:

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