



Standardised European Rules of the Air – Compliance with Cruising Level Requirements

1. Definition

In this General Exemption and Permission, 'Emergency Services Helicopter' means any helicopter for the time being operated under an Air Operator Certificate or Police Air Operator Certificate granted by the UK CAA for Search and Rescue operations or for a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service or in the service of a police authority.

2. SERA.5005(g) (Visual flight rules)

The Department for Enterprise ('the Department'), permits, under SERA.5005(g), an aircraft in level cruising flight and operated in accordance with the visual flight rules above 3,000 feet above mean sea level 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.

3. 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 the instructions of the appropriate air traffic service unit; or
 - (ii) in accordance with holding procedures notified by the Department in relation to an aerodrome.

4. This permission has effect from **01 August 2021** until it is revoked.

Signed:

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