



**Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015**  
**Police and SAR Helicopters Flying for Public Transport at Night:**  
**Take-off or Landing Area**

1. The Department, in exercise of its powers under article 155 of the Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015<sup>1</sup> ('the Order'), exempts the person in charge of an operating site in the Isle of Man intended to be used for the take-off or landing of helicopters at night on a flight specified in paragraph 3 from the requirement at article 128(1) of the Order (see Note 1).
2. The Department further exempts any helicopter, together with the operator and commander thereof, flying on a flight at night for the purpose of the commercial air transport of passengers, as specified in paragraph 3, from the requirement at article 128(2) of the Order (see Note 1).
3. The flights referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 are:
  - a) a Search and Rescue flight conducted under and in accordance with an air operator's certificate; or
  - b) a flight conducted under and in accordance with the terms of a police air operator's certificate.
4. This Exemption only applies if the operator has ensured that the helicopter is equipped with a suitable means of illumination (see Note 2) acceptable to the Department to enable the pilot:
  - a) when landing, to identify the landing area whilst in flight, to determine the landing direction and to make a safe approach and landing; and
  - b) when taking off, to make a safe take-off.
5. In this Exemption an operating site means a landing and take-off area, other than an aerodrome as detailed at article 126(2) of the Order, selected by the operator or commander for landing and take-off.
6. This Exemption supersedes General Exemption 14/2019, which is hereby revoked.
7. This exemption has effect from **11 November 2021** until **31 October 2022**, unless previously revoked.

Signed:

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#### Notes

1. Article 128(1) provides that the person in charge must cause there to be in operation, whenever a helicopter flying for the purpose of the public transport of passengers is taking off or landing at that area at night, such lighting as will enable the pilot of the helicopter:
  - a) when landing, to identify the landing area in flight, to determine the landing direction and to make a safe approach and landing; and
  - b) when taking off, to make a safe take-off.
2. A suitable means of illumination would be a white light that is trainable, and which enables the pilot to locate and identify obstacles on the ground, on the approach to landing and the departure route, from a height of at least 500 feet.

<sup>1</sup> SI 2015 No 870 as amended