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Title: (EU) Air Operations Task Specialists Requirements in Commercial and Non-Commercial Aircraft Operations in support of Parachute Dropping

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this advisory memorandum is to point out the applicable (EU) operational regulations for Parachutists (including Parachute Instructors and Tandem Masters), referred to in these regulations as ‘Task Specialists’.

2. REFERENCES

- Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council ((EU) AIR-OPS).
- IAA Operations Advisory Memoranda OAM 04 & OAM 05

3. DETAIL

(EU) AIR-OPS details the operational and equipment requirements for non-complex aircraft operating in the European Union. When such aircraft operations are conducted in support of parachute dropping, the parachutists are referred to as “Task Specialists”. The regulation says that a ‘Task Specialist’ means a person assigned by the operator or a third party, or acting as an undertaking, who performs tasks on the ground directly associated with a specialised task or performs specialised tasks on board or from the aircraft; Task Specialists are not considered passengers, and have duties and responsibilities when on-board an aircraft. The requirements are very detailed and Pilots/Operators of aircraft used for parachute dropping should familiarise themselves with the relevant requirements of these regulations and must make Task Specialists familiar with the relevant requirements to the extent that their assigned duties require.

These regulations include items such as:

- Requirements for Aircraft Operations in support of Parachute operations
- Responsibilities of the Pilot in Command
- Requirement for Checklists / Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Responsibilities / Duties of the Task Specialist
- Task Specialist emergency equipment, operational procedures and safety briefings

Explanatory Note:

The full text of the regulation is available on the European Aviation Safety Agency website: <https://www.easa.europa.eu/regulations> - Follow the links for ‘Air Operations’

(Note: EASA have provided an ‘Easy Access’ version of the Air-Ops Regulations at the above link)