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Title: PART-NCO (Non-Commercial Operations with other-than-complex motor-powered aircraft) OPERATIONAL AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this notice is to point out the applicable EU operational regulations for private and flight training flights in non-complex (EASA) aircraft operating in Irish Airspace.

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 (EU) No 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

3. DETAIL

Part-NCO details the operational and equipment requirements for non-complex aircraft operating in the European Union. The requirements are very detailed and Pilots/Owners/Flight Instructors and Student Pilots of such aircraft should read Part-NCO to understand fully the requirements of the regulations.

In particular, pilots should carefully review the following sections of PART-NCO:

- Pilot-in-Command Responsibilities and Authority
- Compliance with Laws, Regulations and Procedure
- Documents, Manuals and Information to be Carried
- Fuel and Oil Supply
- Flight Preparation
- In-Flight Fuel Management
- Refuelling with Passengers Embarking, On-Board or Disembarking
- Carriage of Passengers
- Aircraft Performance and Operating Limitations
- Instruments, Data and Equipment
- Use of Aerodromes and Operating Sites
- Performance and Operating Criteria

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Explanatory Note:

Annex VII (PART-NCO) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 (the (EU) Air Operations Regulation) became effective in Ireland on 25th August 2016. PART-NCO applies to non-complex aircraft subject to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, (sometimes referred to as EASA aircraft) involved in non-commercial operations e.g. private flying or flight training.

The following aircraft are subject to the applicable PART-NCO requirements, when operated in the European Union:

Aeroplanes:

- with a maximum certificated take-off mass of 5,700kg or less, or
- certificated for a maximum passenger seating configuration of fewer than 19, or
- certificated for operation with a minimum crew of one pilot only, or
- not equipped with (a) turbojet engine(s) or more than one turboprop engine.

Helicopters certificated:

- with a maximum take-off mass of 3,175kg or less, or
- for a maximum passenger seating configuration of fewer than ten, or,
- for operation with a minimum crew of one pilot only.

All sailplanes and balloons.

The full text of the regulation is available on the European Union 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)