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**THE CONDUCT OF SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) OPERATIONS
IN IRELAND**

DIRECTION

In accordance with EC Regulation 216/2008 - Article 1,(2)(a), the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has deemed that the requirements of the 'Basic Regulation' shall not apply to the conduct of Search and Rescue operations and that such operations are to be classified as a 'State' activity which is to be regulated by the National Aviation Authority.

In compliance with this regulation the Irish Aviation Authority, in accordance with its powers as set out in the Irish Aviation Authority (Operations) Order, 2006; Article 7(1) and the Irish Aviation Authority (Rules of the Air) Order, 2004; Articles 3 and 16, hereby directs that operations carried out for the purpose of Search and Rescue by a commercial operator shall be deemed to be for the purpose of Commercial Air Transport and therefore subject to the operator being the holder of an Irish National Search and Rescue Approval (SAR APP).

Prior to 28 October 2014, an Approval issued for the sole purpose of SAR shall be based on the requirements set out in JAR-OPS 3. Following that date, an Approval shall be based on the requirements of European Union Regulation (EU) 965/2012, as amended. Additional requirements to be complied with by the holder of a SAR APP are set out in Annex 1 to this Aeronautical Notice.

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