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### Requirements for the issue of a Permit to Operators interested to carry out a specific specialized operations activity within the Nicosia FIR

#### 1. APPLICABILITY

This AIC shall apply to operators interested to be permitted to carry out a specific specialized operations activity within the Nicosia FIR.

#### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this AIC is to establish the administrative procedure to be followed by Certified Operators, holders of a Special Operations Certificate issued in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations, to be permitted to carry out a specific, specialized or high risk commercial specialized operation activity within the Nicosia FIR.

#### 3. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

##### 3.1 Regulations

- **Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations**, 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.
- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 923/2012** laying down the common rules of the air and operational provisions regarding services and procedures in air navigation.
- **Article 107 of the Cyprus Civil Aviation Law (213(I) /2002)** and any amendments thereof.

##### 3.2 Guidance material

- **Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations Annex VIII - Specialized Operations (Part SPO)**

#### 4. DEFINITIONS

- "Specialised operation" means any operation other than commercial air transport (CAT) where the aircraft is used for specialised activities such as agriculture,

construction, photography, surveying, observation and patrol, aerial advertisement etc.

- "High risk commercial specialised operation" means any commercial specialised aircraft operation carried out over an area where the safety of third parties on the ground is likely to be endangered in the event of an emergency or, as determined by the competent authority of the place where the operation is conducted, any commercial specialised aircraft operation that, due to its specific nature and the local environment in which it is conducted, poses a high risk, in particular to third parties on the ground.

For all other terms used in this AIC, the definitions of the above referenced regulations apply.

## 5. INTRODUCTION

### 1. Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations

This Regulation lays down, amongst others, the following:

- (a) Detailed rules on the conditions and procedures for the declaration by, and for the oversight of, operators engaged in commercial specialized operations and non-commercial operation of complex motor-powered aircraft, including non-commercial specialized operations of complex motor-powered aircraft.
  - (b) Detailed rules on the conditions under which certain high risk commercial specialized operations shall be subject to authorization in the interest of safety and on the conditions for issuing, maintaining, amending, limiting, suspending or revoking the authorizations.
2. **Article 107 of the Cyprus Civil Aviation Law (213(I)/2002)** states that flights for any specialized operation are not allowed, except with the approval of the Cyprus Civil Aviation Department and in accordance with the conditions and within the areas stipulated in that approval.

## 6. REQUIREMENTS

Operators under scope, holders of a Specialized or High Risk Specialized Operation Certification issued by EU member States in accordance with the provisions of the Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations, who are interested to operate for a specific special operations activity within the Nicosia FIR, should apply for the issue of a **Special Operations Permit**, by submitting the application form (DCA/SPO/1) in Appendix 3 of this AIC, to the Department of Civil Aviation, at least twenty (20) working days in advance of the intended operation.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **LIST OF SPECIALISED OPERATIONS**

In accordance with AMC1 SPO.GEN.005 - Scope of Annex VIII Part SPO of the Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on air operations the following is a list of activities that can be considered as specialized operations.

(a) Specialized Operations include the following activities:

1. helicopter external loads operations;
2. helicopter survey operations;
3. human external cargo operations;
4. parachute operations and skydiving;
5. agricultural flights;
6. aerial photography flights;
7. glider towing;
8. aerial advertising flights;
9. calibration flights;
10. construction work flights, including stringing power line operations, clearing saw operations;
11. oil spill work;
12. avalanche mining operations;
13. survey operations, including aerial mapping operations, pollution control activity;
14. news media flights, television and movie flights;
15. special events flights, including such as flying display, competition flights;
16. aerobatic flights;
17. animal herding and rescue flights and veterinary dropping flights;
18. maritime funeral operations;
19. scientific research flights (other than those under Annex II of Regulation 216/2008); and
20. cloud seeding.

(b) For other operations, the pilot-in-command can apply the criteria specified in AMC1 NCO.SPEC.100 to determine whether an activity falls within the scope of specialized operations.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **CRITERIA**

In accordance with AMC1 SPO.GEN.005 Scope of Annex VIII Part SPO of the Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations, the following are the criteria to determine whether an activity falls within the scope of specialised operations:

- the aircraft is flown close to the surface to fulfil the mission;
- abnormal manoeuvres are performed;
- special equipment is necessary to fulfil the mission and which affects the manoeuvrability of the aircraft;
- substances are released from the aircraft during the flight where these substances are either harmful or affect the manoeuvrability of the aircraft;
- external loads or goods are lifted or towed; or
- persons enter or leave the aircraft during flight.

**APPENDIX 3**

**DCA/SPO/1**

**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY OUT A SPECIALISED OPERATIONS ACTIVITY WITHIN  
THE NICOSIA FIR**

**A. Applicant's Details**

- 1 Name of Applicant
- 2 Name of Operator (if different from above)
- 3 Address
- 4 Contact details  

Tel:	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Fax:	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Email:	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>

**B. Specialized Operations (SPO) Certificate Details**

- 1 SPO Certificate Number
- 2 SPO Issuing Authority
- 3 SPO Authorized Operator
- 4 SPO Validity Date
- 5 Types of Authorised Specialized Operations
- 6 Aircraft Model and Registration Marks of Authorised Aircraft
- 7 Authorized Area of Operation

**C. Requested Activity**

- 1 Type of activity requested  
(Parachute Jumping/ Banner Towing/ Aerial Photography in accordance with Appendix 1)
- 2 Date and Time of the activity (Local times)  

Date:	Time:
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- 3 Alternative Date and Time
- 4 Purpose of the Activity

- 5 Description of the area/areas of the activity and routings to be followed  
(A map should be attached)

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- 6 Pilot's name

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- 7 Pilot's Licence type and number

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- 8 Aircraft type and Registration

Type:	Registration:
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**Important Note applicable for aerial photography or videography flights**

Aerial photography of National Guard Installations is prohibited. Applicants are requested to sign the declaration below

**Solemn Declaration**

I accept the responsibility for inspection on airport, before departure and upon arrival, for existence of photographic/ video/ film recording / equipment and all films and cards after return of flight and if requested by National Guard Officers, will present them within the day to National Guard Headquarters.

**Applicant's Signature**

**Date**

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Applications to be submitted at least twenty (20) working days in advance of the intended operation to:

**Director Civil Aviation Department  
Pindarou 27, Alpha Business Centre  
1429, Nicosia  
Tel. No.: 22404122/22404136  
Fax. No.: 22404189/22766547  
Email address: director@dca.mcw.gov.cy**

**I hereby confirm that the information above is true and correct.**

**Applicant's Signature:** .....

**Applicant's Name:** .....

**Date:** .....

#### **D. Documentary Requirements**

The following documents should be submitted together with this application form:

1. An official letter from the applicant stating the scope, purpose and details of the requested special operations activity.
2. A detailed map of the requested areas of operation.
3. A valid Specialised or High Risk Specialised Operations Certificate issued on the name of the Operator in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on Air Operations, authorizing the Operator to carry out the requested specific special operations activity within Cyprus.
4. Valid Aircraft Certificates (Certificate of Registration, Certificate of Airworthiness, Airworthiness Review Certificate, Radio Licence, Noise Certificate)
5. Valid Pilots Certificates (Pilots Licence, Pilots Medical Certificate)
6. Valid Insurance Certificate issued on the name of the Operator covering third party and passenger liability in accordance with the limits provided by the Commission Reg.(EU) 785/2004 and the Cyprus AIC C0013/2005 as applicable.
7. Approvals from other Governmental or local Authorities concerned such as Police, National Guard, Municipalities, Antiquities Dept., etc. authorizing the requested activity.
8. Application for airspace reservation in accordance with AIC A004/2010 (Flexible Use of Airspace in Cyprus) as applicable.

#### **Notes:**

- 1. If any of the required documents above is not submitted the SPO evaluation process will not be initiated.***
- 2. An official Greek or English translation should be submitted for any or all of the above documents issued in any other language.***
- 3. Foreigners applying for SPO approval are advised to designate a local contact person to act as a coordinator with the Department for the purpose of facilitating both the approval process and the operation of the requested activity.***

**This Circular cancels and replaces AIC C001/2019**