CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS 1988

PERMISSION UNDER SUBREGULATION 250 (2)

DIRECTIONS UNDER SUBREGULATION 207 (3) AND FOR SUBREGULATION 251 (9)

LEAVING AND BOARDING HELICOPTERS DURING SPECIAL OPERATIONS

I, JOHN FLANNERY, Acting General Manager, General Aviation Operations, Aviation Safety Compliance, a delegate of CASA:

(a) revoke instrument CASA 561/04; and

(b) under subregulation 250 (2) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 (CAR 1988), permit a passenger to be carried on the undercarriage of a helicopter engaged in a special operation conducted by an operator specified in Schedule 1 in accordance with the condition set out in Schedule 2:
   (i) while the helicopter is in the hover; and
   (ii) if the passenger is in the course of leaving or boarding the helicopter for the purpose of the operation; and

(c) under subregulation 207 (3) of CAR 1988, direct that a passenger in a helicopter engaged in a special operation in accordance with the condition set out in Schedule 2 is not required to occupy a seat when the helicopter is in a hover for the purpose of permitting the passenger to leave or board the helicopter; and

(d) for the purposes of subregulation 251 (9) of CAR 1988, direct that a passenger in a helicopter engaged in a special operation in accordance with the condition set out in Schedule 2 is not required to wear a seat belt when the helicopter is in a hover for the purpose of permitting the passenger to leave or board the helicopter.

In this instrument, special operation means a search and rescue operation, law enforcement operation, fire fighting operation, or training for such an operation, in which, for the purpose of the operation, it is necessary to leave or board the helicopter when a landing is not possible or safe.
SCHEDULE 1

OPERATORS

1. The special operation must be carried out by one of the following operators:
   (a) Bristow Helicopters Australia Pty Ltd (ARN 200267);
   (b) Careflight (ARN 405385);
   (c) Careflight Queensland Ltd (ARN 223513);
   (d) Central (Qld) Aviation Pty Ltd (ARN 405094);
   (e) Commercial Helicopters Pty Ltd (ARN 558381);
   (f) Heli-Aust Pty Ltd (ARN 401744);
   (g) Heli Dive Pty Ltd (ARN 581939);
   (h) Hevi Lift (PNG) Ltd (ARN 901102);
   (i) Hunter Region SLSA Helicopter Rescue Service Ltd (ARN 086990);
   (j) Lloyd Helicopters Pty Ltd (ARN 222688), trading as CHC Helicopters Australia;
   (k) National Parks and Wild Life Service (ARN 085810);
   (l) New South Wales Police Service (ARN 219412);
   (m) State of Western Australia through The Commissioner of Police (ARN 213921);
   (n) Southern Region SLSA Helicopter Rescue Service Pty Ltd (ARN 509332);
   (o) Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service Ltd (ARN 220671);
   (p) Surf Life Saving Queensland Inc. (ARN 512148);
   (q) Trecked Pty Ltd (ARN 572747);
   (r) True North No 2 Pty Ltd (ARN 564568).

SCHEDULE 2

CONDITION

1. The special operation must be carried out in accordance with the instructions, as approved by CASA, set out in the operator’s operations manual.

[Signed John Flannery]

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