Instrument number CASA EX08/14

I, jonATHAN ALECK, Associate Director of Aviation Safety, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulation 11.160 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998* (***CASR 1998***).

**[Signed Jonathan Aleck]**

Jonathan Aleck
Associate Director of Aviation Safety

10 February 2014

Exemption — operations by paragliders in the Corryong Paragliding Open

1 Duration

 This instrument:

(a) commences on 15 February 2014; and

(b) expires at the end of 22 February 2014, as if it had been repealed by another instrument.

2 Definitions

 In this instrument:

***HGFA*** means The Hang Gliding Federation of Australia, Aviation Reference Number 527469.

***in the vicinity of*** has the same meaning as in subregulation 166 (2) of the *Civil Aviation Regulations 1988* (***CAR 1988***).

***paraglider*** means an aircraft that:

(a) is launched by its pilot’s feet; and

(b) does not have rigid wings.

3 Application

 This instrument only applies to flights in Class G airspace within 30 nautical miles radius of Corryong aerodrome, Victoria, that are conducted by paragliders in the Corryong Paragliding Open (the ***event***).

4 Exemption

 For this exemption, the pilot in command of such an aircraft is exempt from complying with regulation 166E of CAR 1988.

5 Conditions

 The exemption is subject to the conditions mentioned in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Conditions

 1 A ground communications station must be established and maintained by the organisers of the events:

(a) covering the area in the vicinity of Corryong aerodrome; and

(b) operating daily during the competition in order to advise other aircraft, operating in that vicinity, of the launch site, activities, location, duration and direction of the participants in the events.

 2 The Competition Director is responsible for maintaining a listening watch on appropriate VHF frequencies.

 3 The ground communications station must be active on relevant UHF, VHF common traffic advisory, and VHF area frequencies, commencing 30 minutes before activities begin and continuing for the duration of those activities.

 4 All competition paragliders must be equipped with UHF radio.

 5 Pilots in command of participating paragliders must attend a daily briefing prior to aircraft operation and must be able to provide evidence of their attendance. The organisers of the events must provide the daily briefing, before aircraft operation, that must address at least the following:

(a) confirmation of ground communication station set-up and applicable frequencies in use;

(b) review and explanation of the applicable NOTAM for that day;

(c) review and explanation of boundaries of the competition flight zone and the requirement to operate only within that zone;

(d) review and explanation of the conditions under which this exemption has been issued.

 6 Paragliders not equipped with serviceable VHF radios must remain clear of all certified, registered or military aerodromes, other than Corryong, and any other aerodromes designated by CASA under regulation 166D of CAR 1988.

 7 Pilots in command of participating paragliders must operate in accordance with the current HGFA Operations Manual and, in particular, in accordance with its Day V.F.R. procedures.

 8 All operations must be conducted in accordance with the current HGFA Operations Manual, CAR 1988, CASR 1998 and the Civil Aviation Orders.

 9 A pilot in command must hold at least a valid HGFA pilot certificate.

 10 For the duration of the competition, CASA will provide Airservices Australia with the information required to enable the publication of a NOTAM containing information relevant to operations within 30 nautical miles radius of Corryong aerodrome.

 11 The pilot in command of a paraglider that is participating in the event may only conduct a flight to which this exemption applies if satisfied:

(a) in relation to clauses 1-3 in Schedule 1, that a support system has been established in accordance with those requirements and is operating satisfactorily; and

(b) that the requirements of clause 10 have been satisfied in relation to the publication of the daily NOTAM.

 12 In order to comply with clause 11, the pilot in command may rely on the daily briefing conducted under clause 5 in this Schedule.

 13 If at any time a pilot in command becomes aware that a breach of a condition in this Schedule has occurred, he or she must notify the organisers of the event as soon as practicable and, if he or she is directly responsible for the breach, must cease to participate in the event until the breach is corrected.