



Miscellaneous

No: 1331

Air Navigation Order 2016

Publication date: 18 November 2019

General Exemption E 4972

Small Unmanned Aircraft – Remote Pilot Competency Requirements for Remote Pilots in Possession of an Appropriate UK Model Aircraft Association Achievement Certificate

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), in exercise of its powers under article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order'), exempts any remote pilot flying a small unmanned aircraft whilst being the holder of one or more of the UK Model Aircraft Association achievement certificates listed in paragraph 2, from the requirements of article 94F of the Order (requirement for acknowledgement of remote pilot competency).
- 2) This exemption only applies to holders of one or more of the following achievement certificates and who are current members of the model aircraft association associated with that certificate (see Note 1):
 - a) British Model Flying Association (BMFA) 'A' certificate (Helicopter, Fixed Wing, Multi-Rotor or SF), Basic Proficiency certificate (Helicopter, Fixed Wing, Multi-Rotor or SF), 'Registration Competency' certificate
 - b) Scottish Aeromodellers' Association (SAA) 'Bronze Standard' (Fixed Wing, Thermal, Slope, Helicopter, Multirotor)
 - c) Large Model Aircraft Association (LMA) 'LMA Proficiency' and 'Theoretical Proficiency'
 - d) FPV UK Online Achievement
- 3) A copy of this exemption, along with a copy of the relevant documents (membership and award certificate) referred to in paragraph 2 above must be carried by the remote pilot when making use of this exemption.
- 4) This exemption supersedes ORS4 No. 1326, which is revoked.
- 5) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 30 June 2020, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

S L O'Sullivan
for the Civil Aviation Authority

18 November 2019

Note

1. The model association achievement schemes work on a 'building block' process with the achievement certificates/standards listed in paragraph 2 being the minimum achievement level for each scheme.
 - The BMFA scheme consists of 'A', 'B' and 'C' certificates in ascending order
 - The SAA scheme consists of 'Bronze', 'Bronze plus', 'Silver' and 'Gold' certificates in ascending order
 - The LMA scheme consists of a single award, entitled the 'LMA Proficiency' which is the equivalent of the BMFA 'B' and SAA 'Silver' certificates.Therefore, a person in possession of a BMFA 'B' certificate has already met the standard required for the 'A' certificate, and so on.