STATES OF JERSEY LAW 1966, AS AMENDED: DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS - AIR NAVIGATION

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On 9th August 2000, the Harbours and Airport Committee made an Act delegating certain of its functions under the Air Navigation (Jersey) Order 2000.

The terms of the delegation were recorded in an Act of the Committee as follows -

"A4. The Committee, with reference to Act No. 16 of 5th December 1996 of the Committee as previously constituted, having considered a report from the Airport Director, in pursuance of Article 36A of the States of Jersey Law, as amended, decided, with immediate effect, to delegate to the Airport Director certain functions under the Air Navigation (Jersey) Order 2000 as follows -

- Legislation: Air Navigation (Jersey) Order 2000.
- **Delegate:** Airport Director.
- **Function delegated**/ (i) <u>Article 47</u> the authority to permit a helicopter to fly with a suspended load;
 - (ii) <u>Article 48</u> the authority to permit the dropping of articles for public health or measurement of weather conditions, surface icing or oil pollution and the dropping of wind drift indicators for parachuting;
 - (iii) <u>Article 49</u> the authority to permit parachute drops;
 - (iv) <u>Article 76</u> the authority to permit the flying of balloons, kites, airships, gliders and parascending parachutes;
 - (v) <u>Article 76A</u> the authority to permit the flying of small aircraft such as used by the Jersey Model Aero Club, and to keep a register of the aircraft of the Club;
 - (vi) <u>Article 90</u> the authority to grant an exemption for helicopters to fly from or to land at places other than Jersey Airport;
 - (vii) Article 116 - the authority to exempt from the Air Navigation Order and the Rules of the Air made thereunder, certain persons, classes of persons, classes of aircraft and certain age groups and other users, such as model aircraft owners, from any of the provisions of the Air Navigation Order other than Articles 72, 102, 103, 104, 105, all of which relate to the powers of the Secretary of State, or Article 117, which relates to the ability to appeal to the Royal Court.

The Committee, having noted that the Airport Director was an authorised person under Article 118 of the Air Navigation (Jersey) Order 2000, confirmed the following personnel to act as authorised persons when deputising for the Airport Director -

Mr. J. Buckley, Senior Air Traffic Control Officer, Mr. A. Pallot, Principal Meteorological Officer, Mr. J. Snowdon, Chief Electronics Engineer, Mr. J. Such, Head of Customer Services,

all above personnel having been appointed under the Aerodromes (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1952.

The Greffier of the States was directed to arrange for this Act to be presented to the States for information at the earliest available opportunity.".

COMMITTEE PAPER

PARACHUTING GUIDELINES

Note: This Committee Paper replaces the one published as part of "States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended: delegation of functions - air navigation" (R.C.7/99).

Local conditions - civilian parachuting

The Harbours and Airport Committee agreement for local civilian parachuting in accordance with Civil Aviation Authority regulations, as set out in CAP 660, is listed below -

- (a) By agreement of the Harbours and Airport Committee, the Home Affairs Committee, the Tourism Committee and with notice being given to the appropriate Connétable, parachuting may be permitted in Jersey, subject to tidal conditions, weather conditions and daylight.
- (b) Parachuting may take place in a dropping zone on St. Aubin's Beach defined as a 500 metres diameter circle lying between the sea wall, the sea waterline, the Woodbine slip and 250 metres east of the Tower slip. This area is for student parachuting including tandem. The area will contain a 250 metres circle designated as the target, with overshoots on three sides.
- (c) All parachuting shall take place in accordance with the current Civil Aviation Authority CAP 660 Operational Manual under the laid down weather conditions.
- (d) A suitably powered and equipped safety boat, operated by properly trained staff will be positioned adjacent to the drop zone. Inshore rescue services and appropriately equipped ambulance services will be notified of the intended parachuting programme. Ground to air radio contact will be maintained throughout parachuting and the aircraft pilot will monitor the full parachute descent before completing the dropping detail.
- (e) All parachutists will be equipped with life jackets and will be briefed on their use.
- (f) The parachuting programme will be supervised by a BPA Advanced Instructor who will appoint appropriately qualified staff, fully briefed to supervise the drop zone and emplaning area. He will ensure that all equipment required, including ground to air radio, is fully serviceable, that all parachuting is in accordance with CAP 660 and that all jumpers are briefed and checked prior to emplaning. He will also ensure that the access via the slipway is kept clear and that spectators or members of the public remain clear of the target area. Also, that the target is placed to remain clear of minor obstacles such as vessels and equipment placed on the beach.
- (g) All flying in support of parachuting shall be carried out in accordance with CAP 660, so far as is practicable and safe. All climbing to altitude for the purposes of parachuting shall be carried out over St. Aubin's Bay and not over land. The aircraft is to be equipped with Mode C transponder and climbing, dropping and descending is to be carried out under the supervision and permission of Air Traffic Control once permission has been granted.
- (h) An application for a parachuting programme or training course shall be made 28 days before the start of the event. After permission has been granted, a notice shall be published in the Jersey Evening Post and through other media, to advise the public of the time and duration of the event.
- (i) An administrative charge may be made for applications and a charge may be levied if the States Police decide that full policing of the dropping zone becomes necessary.
- (j) Notwithstanding any permission being granted, the Airport Director may vary the conditions or suspend or cancel the permission if the safety of aircraft or persons involved are considered to be at risk or if the guidelines above are not adhered to by the organiser or participant.

Local conditions - military parachuting

All military parachuting shall be carried out in accordance with the appropriate military parachuting procedures after agreement to the date, time, venue and weather conditions appertaining to that specific military parachuting exercise. These exercises may take place over land or into the sea.