

# CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

## Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)



### PERMISSION – SERA Minimum Height and Visual Flight Rules (500ft)

1. The Civil Aviation Authority, as the competent authority in the United Kingdom for SERA.5005 (f) (2) of Regulation (EU) No 923/2012 of 26 September 2012 as retained (and amended in UK domestic law) under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, hereby permits **any aircraft** (“the said aircraft”) to fly below a height of 500 feet (150 m) above the ground or water, or below a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle within a radius of 500 feet (150 m) of the aircraft for the purpose of **display practice**.
2. This Permission is granted subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) the said aircraft **shall** fly pursuant to this Permission only over the Display Areas marked as Display Area ‘A’ and Display Area ‘B’ delineated on the attached Schedule I centred upon **Brighton Aerodrome**:

Grid reference: **SE 714 347**

Outside the delineated areas on Schedule I, SERA.5005(f)(1) & (2) will continue to apply to all civilian registered aircraft.
  - (b) the said aircraft **shall not** fly at a height of:
    - (i) less than **200 feet** above surface level, or at a height of not less than that specified in the **Pilot in Command’s Display Authorisation (DA)** (whichever is higher) or, if no such DA is held by that pilot, less than **200 feet** in normal flight or **500 feet** for aerobatics unless specific observation by a DAE for the grant of a DA within **Display Area ‘A’**;
    - (i) less than **500 feet** above surface level, or at a height of not less than that specified in the **Pilot in Command’s Display Authorisation (DA)** (whichever is higher) within **Display Area ‘B’**;
  - (c) the Pilot(s) in Command of the said aircraft **must** be authorised by **Alan Marsland** (Permission holder) and **Tony Smith** (airfield manager) or a deputy nominated by **Tony Smith**.
  - (d) the Pilot(s) in Command of the said aircraft **must** when flying pursuant to this Permission:
    - (i) fly subject to the conditions attached to a valid DA held by that pilot; or
    - (ii) be briefed by a DAE for any flight made for the purposes of display practice for initial DA issue; or
    - (iii) be briefed by a DAE for any flight made for the purposes of renewal of a lapsed or expired DA, or the upgrade of an existing DA.
  - (e) The Permission holder **shall** maintain records of each flight made pursuant to this Permission and make such records available to the Authority on request.
  - (f) the said aircraft **shall not** fly pursuant to this Permission:
    - (i) unless meteorological conditions are such as to allow flight under Visual Flight Rules;
    - (ii) above any point on the ground closer to any area occupied by spectators or their vehicles than that specified in the ‘minimum lateral separation distances between display aircraft and crowd line’ table in Chapter 5 of CAP403 as appropriate to the display speed of the aircraft;
    - (iii) in aerobatic flight, or fly below 500ft above the surface in non-aerobatic flight, over any building, vessel or vehicle which the commander has reason to believe is occupied by non-essential personnel or known secondary spectator crowds whilst within the Display Areas;
    - (iv) unless that in the event of an emergency arising, a landing can be made without undue hazard to persons or property;
    - (v) unless all other traffic is deconflicted;

3. **The Permission holder shall** notify the CAA of any reportable incidents occurring during flights made pursuant to this Permission by calling **01293 573919**. Reports **shall** be made to the CAA as soon as reasonably practical after the incident occurs.
4. This Permission **shall** have effect during daylight hours from the date hereof until **31 March 2023** unless previously revoked.



Date: 15 March 2022\*

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Attachment(s): Schedule I

**Note:** Unless otherwise stated, nothing in this Permission is intended to conflict with the limitations and conditions attached to an aircraft's Certificate of Airworthiness, Permit to Fly or equivalent, which, for the avoidance of doubt, must be regarded as overriding.

**Note:** Pilots are reminded of the need at all times to minimise nuisance on account of noise and in particular wherever possible to avoid overflying hospitals and schools.