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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Air Navigation Order 2016**

**PART 7**

**Air traffic services**

**CHAPTER 4**

**Certificate of competence to operate an aeronautical radio station**

**Prohibition of unauthorised operation of an aeronautical radio station**

**202.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), a person must not operate an aeronautical radio station for any purposes specified in paragraph (4), or hold themselves out, whether by use of a radio call sign or in any other way, as one who may do so unless that person—

- (a) held on 9th August 2012 an Air Ground Communication Service Radio Operator's Certificate of Competence or an Offshore Communication Service Radio Operator's Certificate of Competence issued by the CAA; or
- (b) holds and complies with the terms of an aeronautical radio station operator certificate of competence granted under article 203 authorising the holder to provide such a service.

(2) In this article, “operate an aeronautical radio station” means activate or alter any of the external controls of any of the apparatus comprised in the station or transmit or receive messages.

(3) Nothing in this article prevents a person operating an aeronautical radio station for the purpose of avoiding immediate danger.

(4) The purposes specified for the purpose of paragraph (1) are to provide—

- (a) an air/ground communications service;
- (b) a service to give information to pilots of aircraft flying to or from offshore installations and to other aircraft operating in the vicinity of these aircraft; or
- (c) a service to give information to pilots of aircraft flying for the purpose of the dropping of persons by parachute and to persons who have been dropped by parachute.