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**PART 12**

**Informed consent**

**CHAPTER 4**

Information to be given to a human occupant before the consent form is signed

**Information about operator's spaceflight activities carried out by the spaceflight operator**

**209.**—(1) In this regulation, references to “operator's spaceflight activities” are to all such activities carried out by the spaceflight operator.

(2) At least 24 hours, but not more than one month, before a human occupant signs a consent form, the spaceflight operator must give that individual—

- (a) the information referred to in paragraph (3),
  - (b) a copy of any safety recommendations made as a result of a safety investigation relating to the operator's spaceflight activities, and
  - (c) information in writing and in an easily understandable form about any actions taken to improve safety following a spaceflight accident relating to the operator's spaceflight activities.
- (3) The information mentioned in paragraph (2)(a) is information in writing about—
- (a) the number of launches that the operator's spaceflight activities have involved,
  - (b) the number of persons who have died, sustained an injury or had a medical emergency as a result of taking part in the operator's spaceflight activities, and
  - (c) the number of spaceflight accidents relating to the operator's spaceflight activities and whether they occurred during the testing and development of the launch vehicle or during commercial operation.
- (4) In this regulation “commercial operation” means any operation of the launch vehicle—
- (a) which is available to the public, or
  - (b) which, when not made available to the public, is performed under a contract between the spaceflight operator and a customer, where the latter has no control over the spaceflight operator,

in return for remuneration or other valuable consideration.

**Information about the operator's spaceflight activities**

**210.** At least 24 hours, but not more than one month, before a human occupant signs a consent form, the spaceflight operator must give that human occupant—

- (a) the details of the current risk assessment for the operator's spaceflight activities in an easily understandable form,
- (b) information in writing about the availability of emergency services in the event of an accident or medical emergency, and
- (c) where that human occupant is a crew member or a launch vehicle task specialist, the information relating to exposure to cosmic radiation which is referred to in regulation 140(1).

### **Opportunity for questions**

- 211.**—(1) Before a human occupant signs the consent form, the spaceflight operator must—
- (a) give the human occupant an opportunity to ask questions about the information given to that individual in accordance with regulations 209 and 210, and
  - (b) answer the questions in an easily understandable form.
- (2) The questions referred to in paragraph (1)(a) may be raised, and answers referred to in paragraph (1)(b) may be given, in writing or orally.