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PART 12

Informed consent

CHAPTER 6

Evidential requirements with regard to the information and the signification of consent

A written record of the information provided to the human occupant

215.—(1) The spaceflight operator must keep a written record of—

- (a) the information provided to a human occupant in accordance with regulations 209 to 211, and
- (b) the date on which and time at which such information was provided to that individual.

(2) Before a human occupant signs the consent form, the spaceflight operator must give a copy of the written record referred to in paragraph (1) to that individual.

The signification of consent

216.—(1) A human occupant must sign the consent form.

(2) A human occupant must date the consent form and record on the form the time at which the consent form was signed.

(3) An electronic signature satisfies the requirements to sign the consent form in paragraph (1).

(4) In this regulation “electronic signature” has the same meaning as in section 7(2) (electronic signatures and related certificates) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000(1).

The consent form as evidence of signification of consent

217. The requirement in section 17(2) for consent to accept the risks involved in an operator’s spaceflight activities to be signified by signing the consent form is satisfied only if—

- (a) the spaceflight operator complies with the requirements in regulations 206 to 212 and 215, and
- (b) a human occupant complies with the requirements in regulations 213, 214 and 216.

(1) 2000 c. 7. Section 7(2) was amended by S.I. 2016/696 and provides that an electronic signature is so much of anything in electronic form as: (a) is incorporated into or otherwise logically associated with any electronic communication or electronic data, and (b) purports to be used by the individual creating it to sign.