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PART 6

Range Control Services

CHAPTER 5

Notification requirements

Requirement to notify persons

49.—(1) Where the licensee’s range control services consist of or include the issue of notifications in connection with monitoring the designated range, the licensee must notify the persons listed in paragraph (2) of certain information relating to the operator’s spaceflight activities in accordance with regulation 50.

(2) The persons referred to in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) the local authority⁽¹⁾ in whose administrative area any area of land comprised in the designated range is situated, whether wholly or partially;
- (b) the emergency services which are relevant to the location of the designated site or place;
- (c) the regulator;
- (d) every owner, lessee or occupier of any part of the land falling within the designated range;
- (e) any other person or organisation specified in a condition subject to which the licence is granted which the regulator considers should be notified of spaceflight activities taking place within the designated range.

(3) In this regulation “owner” has the meaning given in section 56 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982⁽²⁾.

Notification requirements

50.—(1) This regulation applies to the provision of a notification referred to in regulation 49.

(2) Where the notification is to be provided to a local authority, the emergency services or the regulator, the notification must be provided—

- (a) within such period prior to the commencement of the operator’s spaceflight activities,
- (b) containing such data and information, and
- (c) in such form and manner,

as the recipient may require.

(1) “local authority” has the meaning given in section 69(1) of the Space Industry Act 2018.

(2) 1982 c. 16.

(3) Where the notification is to be provided to an owner, lessee or occupier of land, the notification must—

- (a) be provided at any time not later than 4 weeks prior to the proposed date of commencement of the operator’s spaceflight activities,
- (b) contain such information regarding the nature and timing of the operator’s spaceflight activities as is reasonably necessary to ensure that the owner, lessee or occupier of land does not pose a hazard to the operator’s spaceflight activities and the operator’s spaceflight activities do not pose a hazard to the owner, lessee or occupier of land, and
- (c) be in writing and sent to the owner, lessee or occupier of the land.

(4) If it is not practicable, after reasonable enquiry, to ascertain the name or address of any owner, lessee or occupier of land to whom notification must be provided, the notification may be provided by addressing it to them by the description of “owner”, “lessee” or “occupier” of the land, with a description of the land to which the notification relates and, if there are premises situated on the land, by delivering it to some person on the premises or, if there is no person on the premises to whom it can be delivered or there are no premises, by affixing it, or a copy of it, to some conspicuous part of the premises or land (as the case may be).

(5) Where the notification is to be provided to a person or organisation referred to in regulation 49(2)(e), the notification must be provided in accordance with any terms of the condition subject to which the licence has been granted.

Warning notices

51.—(1) Where the licensee’s range control services consist of or include monitoring a part of a hazard area designated as a warning zone, the licensee must issue a warning notice or notices in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) A warning notice must—

- (a) contain such information as is reasonably necessary to make the individuals referred to in paragraph (3) aware of the operator’s spaceflight activities, with a view to ensuring that—
 - (i) they do not pose a hazard to the operator’s spaceflight activities;
 - (ii) the operator’s spaceflight activities do not pose a hazard to them;
- (b) be provided within a reasonable period prior to the commencement of the operator’s spaceflight activities;
- (c) be issued in a manner which is reasonably necessary to alert the individuals referred to in paragraph (3) to the operator’s spaceflight activities.

(3) The individuals are—

- (a) an individual whose regular place of work is situated on any part of the land falling within the designated range, and
- (b) any individual who might enter or traverse any part of the land falling within the designated range in exercise of a legal right, entitlement or privilege including, but not limited to, an easement or a public right of way,

but do not include excluded individuals.

(4) The following individuals are “excluded individuals” for the purposes of paragraph (3)—

- (a) an individual who is involved with the operator’s spaceflight activities;
- (b) an individual who is involved with the operation of the spaceport at the designated site;
- (c) an individual who is involved with the provision of the licensee’s range control services;
- (d) a member of the police, fire, rescue or ambulance services;

(e) an individual employed by, or appointed to act on behalf of, the regulator.