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PART 7

Training, qualifications and medical fitness

CHAPTER 2

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61.—(1) An individual may only be appointed to act as the training manager for a launch operator licensee under regulation 9(3)(b) or for a range control licensee under regulation 11(1)(e) if—

- (a) that individual satisfies the eligibility criteria provided for in regulations 5 and 6, and
- (b) the appointment of that individual has been approved by the regulator.

(2) The training manager must be an employee of the licensee.

(3) The training manager is responsible for—

- (a) ensuring that the licensee complies with the requirements in these Regulations in relation to the qualification, training and medical fitness of individuals performing specified roles and spaceflight participants,
- (b) establishing and running a system for managing the provision of training and where appropriate, qualifications, for individuals who participate in the licensed activities,
- (c) ensuring the medical fitness of individuals performing specified roles and spaceflight participants, and
- (d) carrying out the functions referred to in regulation 63.

(4) Where a spaceport licensee or a return operator licensee does not have a training manager, the responsibilities specified in paragraph (3)(b) and (d) fall on the licensee.

The training manager (application for approval)

62.—(1) An application for the regulator's approval of the training manager under regulation 61 must be made by a licensee, or by an applicant for a licence.

(2) The application must—

- (a) be made in such manner as the regulator may direct;
- (b) include a statement of the matters for which the training manager is to be responsible;
- (c) contain, or be accompanied by, such other information as the regulator may reasonably require.

(3) At any time after the application is received and before it is determined, the regulator may require the applicant to provide it with such further information as it reasonably considers necessary to enable it to determine the application.

(4) The applicant must inform the regulator in writing as soon as possible of any material change in any of the information provided to the regulator in or with the application or in response to a requirement from the regulator under paragraph (3).

(5) No change may be made to the extent of the responsibilities of the training manager, as described in the statement referred to in paragraph (2)(b), unless this has been approved by the regulator.

(6) Paragraphs (1) to (4) apply to an application for approval under paragraph (5), as they apply to an application for approval under paragraph (1).

The training manager's functions

63.—(1) The training manager has the following functions—

- (a) organising and managing such instructors and medical staff, facilities and equipment as are sufficient and appropriate to comply with the licensee's obligations under this Part;
- (b) reviewing, and where appropriate, supervising the training provided by instructors, making improvements to training activity where possible, and ensuring that any unsafe training practices are corrected;
- (c) reviewing the progress of relevant individuals;
- (d) ensuring that the training is kept up to date, and that it meets the needs of all the activities which the licensee is licensed to carry out;
- (e) establishing a system to record and document all training activity undertaken by the licensee, with information on the progress of each relevant individual ("RI"), including—
 - (i) whether each RI has completed the training relevant to that individual,
 - (ii) whether each RI has met the approved performance criteria necessary to be qualified to perform the RI's role, and
 - (iii) the results of any tests undertaken by an RI;
- (f) maintaining records of all medical examinations and medical assessments carried out in relation to RIs;
- (g) administering any informed consent process required by Part 12.

(2) If a spaceport licensee or a return operator licensee does not have a training manager, they must make alternative arrangements to carry out the functions specified in paragraph (1)(a), (b) and (d).

Approval of the appointment of training manager

64.—(1) The regulator may approve an application under regulation 62 only if—

- (a) it is satisfied that the individual who is the subject of the application—
 - (i) is a suitable person to perform the role of training manager with the licensee or, where relevant, the applicant for a licence, and
 - (ii) satisfies the eligibility criteria prescribed for the licensee in regulations 5 and 6 in relation to that role;
- (b) where the application is made by an applicant for a licence, that licence application is granted;
- (c) where the application is made by a licensee, the licence of that holder is not suspended or revoked.

(2) The matters the regulator may take into account in making the determination in paragraph (1) (a) include—

- (a) the individual’s qualifications, including—
 - (i) knowledge of good educational practice and instruction techniques suitable for complex technical subjects;
 - (ii) an ability to devise appropriate courses for the training programme;
 - (b) the individual’s training and experience, including whether—
 - (i) they have practical experience as an instructor in technical subjects relevant to the activities for which the licensee is licensed;
 - (ii) they can provide evidence of good organisational skills and managerial capability.
 - (3) The regulator may approve an application under this regulation—
 - (a) for a specified time, and
 - (b) subject to specified conditions,
- and for these purposes, “specified” means specified by the regulator.

Termination of the training manager’s approval

- 65.**—(1) An approval given by the regulator under regulation 64 ceases to be valid if—
- (a) the licence of the applicant is surrendered or revoked,
 - (b) the training manager ceases to satisfy the eligibility criteria referred to in regulation 64(1)(a)(ii), or
 - (c) the applicant or the approved individual is convicted of an offence under the Act.
- (2) The regulator may revoke the approval given to the appointment of the training manager if the licensee or the training manager has contravened a relevant requirement.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), a “relevant requirement” is—
- (a) a requirement imposed by or under the Act, including a requirement imposed under these Regulations;
 - (b) a condition included in the licence of the licensee;
 - (c) a condition on the approval of the appointment of the training manager.