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PART 3

Grant of a licence – general

CHAPTER 1

Eligibility criteria and prescribed roles for licensees

Prescribed roles: spaceflight operators

9.—(1) A spaceflight operator must appoint an individual to undertake, on the spaceflight operator's behalf, the role of safety manager.

(2) The spaceflight operator must ensure that the safety manager's duties are—

- (a) day-to-day development, administration and maintenance of an effective safety management system under regulation 85 and Schedule 4,
- (b) examination of all aspects of the spaceflight operator's activity relating to securing that its spaceflight activities are carried out safely in accordance with Part 8, and
- (c) monitoring those involved in the operator's spaceflight activities to ensure compliance with the spaceflight operator's safety policies and procedures in accordance with Part 8.

(3) A launch operator licensee must appoint individuals to undertake, on its behalf, the roles of—

- (a) launch director,
- (b) training manager, and
- (c) security manager.

(4) The launch operator licensee must ensure that—

- (a) the launch director has the duties set out in regulation 88, and
- (b) the training manager has responsibility for the conduct and management of the spaceflight operator's training programme in accordance with Part 7.

(5) Where a return operator licence authorises the carrying out of activities which may give rise to any issue of national security, the regulator must include a condition in that licence requiring the operator to appoint a security manager.

(6) Where paragraph (5) applies, the operator must ensure that the security manager has the duties set out in regulation 169.

(7) A spaceflight operator may—

- (a) subject to paragraph (8), appoint the same individual to undertake more than one of the roles under this regulation;
- (b) appoint the same individual to undertake the role of safety manager under this regulation and accountable manager under regulation 8.

(8) A launch operator licensee must not appoint the same individual to undertake the role of safety manager and launch director.