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AIR NAVIGATION ACT (CHAPTER 6)

AIR NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDER 2012

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Air Navigation Act, the Minister for Transport hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Air Navigation (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012 and shall come into operation on 17th December 2012.

Amendment of paragraph 2

- **2.** Paragraph 2(1) of the Air Navigation Order (O 2) (referred to in this Order as the principal Order) is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "cabin crew member", the following definition:
 - ""captive balloon" means an unmanned, non-power driven balloon that is tethered to the surface of the earth, or to a stationary structure on the surface of the earth;";
 - (b) by deleting the definition of "evaluating medical examiner";
 - (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "flight visibility", the following definition:
 - ""free flight aerial object" means an unmanned, uncontrollable, lighter-than-air object that is able to remain airborne and includes a free balloon;";

- (d) by deleting the definition of "to land" and substituting the following definition:
 - ""kite" means a pilotless framework covered with a material including cloth, synthetic fibre, plastic or paper and which is designed to be flown in the wind at the end of a string without mechanical propulsion;";
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "maximum total weight authorised", the following definition:
 - ""medical assessor" means a person who
 - (a) is qualified and licensed to practise medicine in Singapore or elsewhere;
 - (b) is trained and experienced in the practice of aviation medicine;
 - (c) possesses the practical knowledge and experience of the conditions in which the holder of a licence carries out the functions to which his licence relates; and
 - (d) is approved by the Chief Executive to assess the medical fitness of an applicant under the Fourteenth Schedule based on evaluating the report of the designated medical examiner and such other assessments as the medical assessor may deem necessary;";
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "overhaul", the following definition:
 - ""parasail" means a structure that is capable of lifting a person harnessed or attached to the structure up or through the air when the structure is
 - (a) towed by a moving vessel, vehicle or such other object; or
 - (b) thrust into the air by the wind,

- and "parasailing" shall be construed accordingly;";
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "taxiing", the following definition:
 - ""to land" in relation to an aircraft includes to alight on water;"; and
- (h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC)", the following definition:
 - ""working day" means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.".

Amendment of paragraph 20

3. Paragraph 20(7) of the principal Order is amended by deleting the words "evaluating medical examiner" in sub-paragraph (ii) and substituting the words "medical assessor".

Amendment of paragraph 60

4. Paragraph 60 of the principal Order is amended by inserting, immediately after the word "permission," in sub-paragraphs (1) to (4), the word "permit,".

Amendment of paragraph 61

5. Paragraph 61(1) of the principal Order is amended by inserting, immediately after the word "permission," wherever it appears, the word "permit,".

Amendment of paragraph 62E

6. Paragraph 62E(1) of the principal Order is amended by deleting the words "evaluating medical examiner" in sub-paragraph (ii) and substituting the words "medical assessor".

Deletion and substitution of paragraph 64 and new paragraphs 64A to 64I

7. Paragraph 64 of the principal Order is deleted and the following paragraphs substituted therefor:

"Kites and parasails

- **64.**—(1) Except where expressly provided in paragraph 64F, a person shall not fly or operate a kite or parasail at any altitude in any area that is within 5 kilometres of any aerodrome and not a permitted area designated under sub-paragraph (2) unless
 - (a) the person has in force a permit granted under sub-paragraph (4) authorising him to do so; and
 - (b) the person flies or operates the kite or parasail in accordance with the conditions of that permit and the requirements of paragraph 64D.
- (2) The Chief Executive may designate one or more areas within 5 kilometres of any aerodrome as a permitted area for the flying or operation of a kite or parasail, subject to such conditions as he may impose.
- (3) Except where expressly provided in paragraph 64F, a person shall not fly or operate a kite or parasail beyond 5 kilometres of any aerodrome
 - (a) at an altitude higher than 200 feet above mean sea level if within 10 kilometres of Paya Lebar aerodrome or Tengah aerodrome and within one kilometre of the respective flight funnels to these aerodromes; or
 - (b) at an altitude higher than 500 feet above mean sea level in any other place,

unless the person has in force a permit granted under sub-paragraph (4) authorising him to do so, and he flies or operates the kite or parasail in accordance with the conditions of that permit and the requirements of paragraph 64D.

- (4) The Chief Executive may grant a written permit in such form or manner as he may determine, and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.
- (5) An application for a permit under sub-paragraph (1) or (3) shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive no later than 7 working days before the date on which the activity in sub-paragraph (1) or (3) is intended to be carried out.

- (6) A permit granted under sub-paragraph (4) shall be valid for such period as may be specified therein.
 - (7) For the purposes of this paragraph
 - (a) aerodrome shall include a military aerodrome; and
 - (b) parasailing shall include kite surfing.

Captive balloons

- **64A.**—(1) Except where expressly provided in paragraph 64F, a person shall not fly or operate a captive balloon that exceeds 3 metres in any linear dimension at any altitude anywhere unless
 - (a) the person has in force a permit granted under sub-paragraph (4) authorising him to do so; and
 - (b) the person flies or operates the captive balloon in accordance with the conditions of that permit and the requirements of sub-paragraph (7) and paragraph 64D.
- (2) Except where expressly provided in paragraph 64F, a person shall not fly or operate a captive balloon that is 3 metres or shorter in any linear dimension at any altitude within one kilometre of the respective flight funnels to any aerodrome unless
 - (a) the person has in force a permit granted under sub paragraph (4) authorising him to do so; and
 - (b) the person flies or operates the captive balloon in accordance with the conditions of that permit and the requirements of sub-paragraph (7) and paragraph 64D.
- (3) Except where expressly provided in paragraph 64F, a person shall not fly or operate a captive balloon that is 3 metres or shorter in any linear dimension outside of one kilometre of the respective flight funnels to any aerodrome
 - (a) at an altitude higher than 130 feet above mean sea level if within 5 kilometres of any aerodrome; or