



PURSUANT to Sections 28, 29 and 30 of the Civil Aviation Act 1990

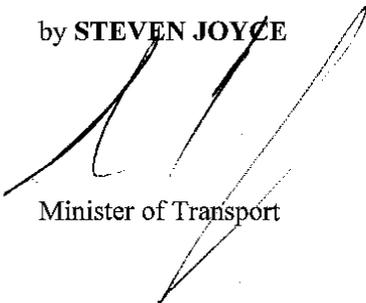
I, STEVEN JOYCE, Minister of Transport,

HEREBY MAKE the following ordinary rules.

SIGNED AT Wellington

This ^{11th} day of ^{October} 2011

by **STEVEN JOYCE**


Minister of Transport

Civil Aviation Rules

Part 103, Amendment 7

Microlight Aircraft – Operating Rules

Docket 5/CAR/1

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Rule objective

The objective of amendment 7 to Part 103 is to update the microlight aircraft operating rules as a consequence to the introduction of the new Part 115 adventure aviation rules.

Extent of consultation

The Director was approached by interested parties in the early 1990's requesting that a rule be developed to allow the carriage of passengers for hire or reward in aircraft engaged in activities that could best be described as 'adventure aviation'. The basic concepts were discussed in 1994 at an industry meeting that was attended by CAA. The concepts included types of aircraft eligible, and passengers flying at their own risk.

In 1996 McGregor & Company and Aviation Consultancy Services Pty Ltd presented a report to the Civil Aviation Authority on adventure aviation. The report concluded that the adventure aviation sector should be either regulated or stopped. As a result, CAA agreed to proceed with the selection of a Civil Aviation Rules Advisory Group (CIRAG) for the development of Rule Part 115 Adventure Aviation.

Part 115 was originally put to the industry as an NPRM in 1999. This NPRM attracted a number of comments, and prompted a review of CAA's policy which limited proposed "extreme" activities. The Part 115 Project was suspended in June 2002 due to other CAA priorities.

In 2003, the industry and CIRAG requested that the CAA undertake another review to determine the need for Part 115. The request was based on a concern that operational standards for adventure aviation operators were below the standards required for Part 135 certificate holders.

In July 2006, the Director agreed to introduce a new Part 115 rule development project with updated regulatory objectives that reflect the contemporary environment. Prior to the publication of notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) 10-02, the rule development project for Part 115 was undertaken in consultation with a project working group (PWG) that consisted of representatives from each of the adventure aviation industry sectors (i.e. hot air ballooning; hang gliding;

paragliding; gliding; parachuting; special category aircraft – warbirds; and microlight aircraft operations).

NPRM 10-02, containing the proposed amendment to Part 103 was issued for public consultation under Docket 5/CAR/1 on 23 September 2010.

The publication of the NPRM was notified in the Gazette (No. 124) on 23 September 2010. The NPRM was published on the CAA web site and mailed to identified stakeholders.

A period of 42 working days to 19 November 2010 was allowed for comment on the proposed rule.

Summary of submissions

A total of 33 written submissions were received on the NPRM. There were no changes made to Part 103 as a result of the submissions.

Examination of submissions

Submissions may be examined by application to the Docket Clerk at the Civil Aviation Authority between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays, except statutory holidays.

Insertion of Amendments

The amendments to the rules are reflected by the revocation of 1 existing rule and the insertion of a new rule in its place.

Effective date of rule

Amendment 7 to Part 103 comes into force on 10 November 2011.

Availability of rules

Civil Aviation Rules are available from–

CAA web site: <http://www.caa.govt.nz/>

Freephone: 0800 GET RULES (0800 438 785)

Part 103 Microlight Aircraft – Operating Rules

Subpart F — Flight Rules

Rule 103.159 is revoked and replaced by the following rule:

103.159 Carriage of passengers

A pilot must not carry another person in a microlight aircraft unless—

- (1) the pilot has been authorised by a microlight organisation to do so; or
- (2) the aircraft is operated under the authority of an adventure aviation operator certificate issued by the Director under the Act and Part 115; and
- (3) the aircraft is a Class 2 microlight aircraft; and
- (4) the aircraft has a statement of airworthiness entered in the applicable maintenance record under rule 103.213.

Consultation Details

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, NPRM 10-02 *Part 115 Adventure Aviation – Certification and Operations*, was issued for public consultation under Docket 5/CAR/1 on 23 September 2010.

A total of 33 responses to the NPRM were received - 9 submissions were from individuals, and 24 from organisations.

Details regarding the list of submitters and a summary of the public submissions can be found in the consultation details of the final rule document for the initial issue of Part 115.