



Instrument Number: SYDR/136/2011

I, Malcolm Andrew Campbell, Team Leader Flying Operations, CASA Operations Division, Regional Office, a delegate of CASA make this instrument under paragraphs 23(1)(b) and 23(2A)(b) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* (CAA) and regulations 143 and 144 of the *Civil Aviation Regulations 1988* (CAR).

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10 May 2011

Approval — Carriage and Discharge of Firearms

1 Commencement

This instrument commences on 10 May 2011.

2 Application

This instrument applies to **Eagle Helicopters Pty Ltd**, Aviation Reference Number 565413 (*the operator*).

3 Permission – to carry dangerous goods

A person as mentioned in Schedule 1 is permitted to carry on board an aircraft operated by **the operator**, dangerous goods as described in Schedule 2 subject to the conditions in Schedule 3.

4 Permission – to carry and discharge firearms

The person as mentioned in Schedule 1 is approved to:

- carry in, or have in their possession in, an aircraft engaged in other than charter or regular public transport operations, a firearm; and
- discharge a firearm while on board an aircraft subject to the conditions in Schedule 3.

5 Expiry

This approval stops having effect on 31 May 2013.

Schedule 1 – Persons

Persons who are employed by, or contracted to the operator and engaged in operations.

Schedule 2

Firearm and ammunition

Schedule 3 Conditions

1. Before the person carries in, or has in their possession in an aircraft engaged in other than charter or regular public transport operations, a firearm, the person must:
 - a. hold a current State or Territory licence for the firearm; and
 - b. ensure that it is physically impossible for the firearm to accidentally discharge in flight; and
 - c. carry a copy of this permission
2. Before discharging a firearm while on board an aircraft, the operator must ensure that:
 - a. The carriage and discharge of firearms must be in accordance with the procedures and instructions set out in the operator's operations manual.
 - b. The aircraft is engaged in other than charter or regular public transport operations; and
 - c. The person has:
 - i. completed a training course, conducted by the aircraft operator, in the carriage and discharge of firearms in the aircraft category, (aeroplanes or helicopters), and
 - ii. within the last two years,
 1. conducted shooting from that category of aircraft; or
 2. re-qualified under the training course required in (i).
 - d. The types of firearms used is limited to shot-guns and semiautomatic shot-guns, net guns, anaesthetising guns, rifles and semiautomatic rifles. The use of a hand gun is not permitted.
 - e. The use of semiautomatic firearms is restricted to types where the direction of the ejection of the empty case is below the horizontal and not greater than 90 degrees back from the direction of fire.
 - f. They do not perform any duty as a flight crew member.
 - g. At no time must the pilot be required to unhand the flight controls to assist in the operations of the firearm.
 - h. The aiming and firing of the firearm is at all times in an arc which is well clear of aircraft components such as main and tail rotors (in the case of helicopters), propellers, wings, wing struts and empennage.

- i. For helicopters, aiming and firing is at all times in an arc which is at least 30 degrees below the main rotor disc, and forward of 90 degrees from the direction of flight.
- j. For fixed wing aircraft, only high wing single engine aircraft are used.
- k. The firearm remains unloaded at all times except when conducting the shooting operation and when loaded points outside, clear of any part of the structure of the aircraft.
- l. Before a firearm is used in-flight, the pilot in command of the aircraft first conducts a trial to ensure that the empty case ejection and noise level will not affect the safe operation of the aircraft.
- m. A firearm is not discharged in flight within three nautical miles of any city, town or populous area or at any time in circumstances that may cause a hazard to persons or property.
- n. No personnel, other than those essential to the conduct of the operations, are carried in the helicopter.
- o. All operations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of regulations 250 and 251 of the CAR1988.
- p. If a safety harness is used in place of a seat belt, it must be of a type that CASA directs.
- q. All pilots in command of helicopters conducting these operations are suitably qualified and competent and are conversant with , and operate in accordance with this permission.
- r. For operations, any required permission must be obtained from the relevant Commonwealth, State or local government authority.

