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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) Regulations 1995 (“the principal Regulations”) as follows:

(1) In regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations the definitions of “international flight” and “maximum total weight authorised” are deleted. The term “maximum total weight authorised” now has the same meaning as in the Air Navigation (No.2) Order 1995 (S.I.1995/1970).

(2) The charges payable to the CAA for navigation services provided in connection with the use of the aerodromes specified in the Table in regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations have been changed as follows:—

(a) In respect of the three London Airports, the standard charge for the first 100 metric tonnes maximum total weight authorised of an aircraft, or part thereof, is reduced from £1.59 per metric tonne to £1.37. For each additional metric tonne, or part thereof, in excess of 100 metric tonnes, the standard charge is reduced from £0.65 per metric tonne to £0.56.

(b) The standard charge at Edinburgh is reduced from £3.20 per metric tonne to £2.58. (regulation 2(1))

(3) The charge payable to the CAA by the operator of an aircraft which flies within the Shanwick Oceanic Control Area, as defined in regulation 6 of the principal Regulations, and in respect of which a flight plan is communicated to the appropriate air traffic control unit is reduced from £85 to £73 (regulation 2(2)).

(4) The charge payable to the CAA by the operator of a helicopter which flies from any place in the United Kingdom to a vessel or an off-shore installation within the area of the Northern North Sea described in regulation 7(2) of the principal Regulations is reduced from £151 to £144 (regulation 2(3)).

(5) The charge payable to the CAA by the operator of a helicopter which flies from any place in the United Kingdom to a vessel or an off-shore installation within the area of the Southern North Sea described in regulation 7(4) of the principal Regulations is reduced from £49 to £39 (regulation 2(4)).