
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015

PART 9

Loading of aircraft

Commander's duty concerning the loading of aircraft

53.—(1) This Part applies to an aircraft registered in the Isle of Man that is being loaded for a flight.

(2) The commander must not cause or permit it to be loaded except in accordance with this Part.

(3) In this Part, loading includes the suspension of a load from the aircraft.

Requirement to load in accordance with loading instructions

54.—(1) An aircraft to which this Part applies may only be loaded using instructions as to the distribution and securing of the load (in this Part called “the loading instructions”) that—

(a) conform with paragraph (3); and

(b) subject to article 56, conform with paragraph (4).

(2) The commander must not cause or permit the aircraft to be loaded in contravention of the loading instructions.

(3) Loading instructions conform with this paragraph if—

(a) they are given in writing or in a form in which their contents can subsequently be rendered legible;

(b) they ensure the load may safely be carried on the flight; and

(c) they ensure any conditions of the certificate of airworthiness or flight manual for the aircraft relating to the loading of the aircraft are complied with.

(4) Loading instructions conform with this paragraph if they—

(a) indicate the additional items included in the mass of the aircraft prepared for service;

(b) show the position of the centre of gravity of the aircraft at that mass; and

(c) indicate the mass of the aircraft prepared for service.

(5) In sub-paragraph (4)(c), the mass of the aircraft prepared for service means the aggregate of the mass of the aircraft, shown in the mass schedule referred to in article 30, and the mass of such additional items in or on the aircraft as the commander thinks fit to include.

Carriage of baggage

55.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the commander of an aircraft registered in the Isle of Man must not cause or permit baggage to be carried in the passenger compartment of the aircraft unless—

(a) the baggage can be properly secured; and

- (b) in the case of an aircraft capable of seating more than 30 passengers, the amount of baggage does not exceed the capacity of the spaces in the passenger compartment approved by the Department for the purpose of stowing baggage.
- (2) Paragraph (1)(b) does not apply to baggage carried in accordance with a permission issued under article 50(3)(c)(ii).

Exceptions

- 56.** The loading instructions need not conform with article 54(4) if—
- (a) the aircraft's maximum total mass authorised is not more than 1150kg;
 - (b) the aircraft's maximum total mass authorised is not more than 2730kg and the flight is intended not to exceed 60 minutes in duration and is either—
 - (i) a flight solely for training persons to perform duties in an aircraft; or
 - (ii) a flight intended to begin and end at the same aerodrome; or
 - (c) the aircraft is a helicopter that has a maximum total mass authorised of not more than 3000kg, and a total seating capacity of not more than five persons.