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PART 10

Spaceport safety

CHAPTER 7

Requirements about the spaceport licensee's organisation and management

Safety management system requirement

163. A spaceport licensee must have in place a safety management system which complies with the requirements in Schedule 4.

Spaceport manual requirement

164.—(1) A spaceport licensee must have in place a spaceport manual, which in the case of a horizontal spaceport may be an annex to the existing aerodrome manual, which meets the requirements in paragraph (2).

(2) The spaceport manual must contain all such information and instructions as may be necessary to enable each member of the spaceport operating staff to perform their duties as such including, in particular, information and instructions relating to the matters specified in Schedule 8.

(3) The spaceport licensee must—

- (a) supply to the regulator any amendments or additions to the spaceport manual before or immediately after they come into effect,
- (b) without prejudice to sub-paragraph (a), make such amendments or additions to the spaceport manual as the regulator may require for the purpose of ensuring the safe operation of the spaceport and of any carrier aircraft, launch vehicle or payload at the spaceport, and
- (c) maintain the spaceport manual and make such amendments as may be necessary for the purpose of keeping its contents up to date.

(4) The spaceport licensee must make available to each member of the spaceport operating staff a copy of the spaceport manual, or a copy of every part of the spaceport manual which is relevant to that person's duties and ensure that each such copy is kept up to date.

(5) The spaceport licensee must take all reasonable steps to secure that each member of the spaceport operating staff—

- (a) is aware of the contents of every part of the spaceport manual which is relevant to that person's duties, and
- (b) undertakes those duties in conformity with the relevant provisions of the spaceport manual.

(6) In this regulation “existing aerodrome manual” means the manual required to be in place under article 212(1)(d) of the Air Navigation Order 2016⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ [S.I. 2016/765](#). Article 212 was amended by [S.I. 2019/645](#).