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PART 10

Spaceport safety

CHAPTER 8

Emergencies

Emergency response plan requirement

165.—(1) A spaceport licensee must have in place and maintain an emergency response plan for the spaceport.

(2) The emergency response plan must—

- (a) detail how the spaceport licensee will respond in an emergency;
- (b) be appropriate for the licensed activities and spaceflight activities to be conducted at the spaceport;
- (c) provide for coordination with the relevant local authority and emergency services in response to an emergency occurring at, or in the vicinity of, the spaceport;
- (d) provide for the coordination of the spaceport emergency response plan with—
 - (i) the spaceport safety management system,
 - (ii) the emergency response plan of any other organisation at the spaceport, and
 - (iii) the emergency response plans of those organisations with which the spaceport licensee must interact during the provision of the spaceport services.

(3) The spaceport licensee must, at suitable intervals not exceeding three years—

- (a) test the emergency response plan, and
- (b) review and, where necessary, revise the plan.

(4) The spaceport licensee must supply to the regulator before or immediately after they come into effect—

- (a) the results of any test of the emergency response plan conducted under paragraph (3)(a), and
- (b) details of the revisions, if any, it has made to the emergency response plan as a result of a review conducted under paragraph (3)(b).

(5) For the purposes of this regulation—

“relevant emergency services” means emergency services which are likely to be required to respond to an emergency at the spaceport;

“relevant local authority” means the local authority in whose administrative area the spaceport is situated.