



**Australian Government**  
**Civil Aviation Safety Authority**

Instrument number CASA EX07/14

I, ROGER JON WEEKS, Acting Executive Manager, Operations Division, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulation 11.160 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998)*.

**[Signed Roger Weeks]**

Roger Weeks  
Acting Executive Manager  
Operations Division

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**Exemption — operation of unmanned free balloons by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation**

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**1 Application**

This instrument applies in relation to the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (the *operator*).

**2 Exemption**

The operator is exempt from compliance with the provisions of CASR 1998 mentioned in Schedule 1 when operating unmanned free balloons for its purposes.

**3 Conditions**

The exemption is subject to the conditions mentioned in Schedule 2.

**4 Expiry**

This instrument expires at the end of December 2016, as if it had been repealed by another instrument.

**Schedule 1 CASR 1998 provisions**

101.160	101.165	101.170	101.175
101.180	101.185	101.190	101.195 (2)
101.210	101.215	101.220	101.225
101.230 (2)			

## **Schedule 2      Conditions**

- 1 The operator must ensure that each operation is conducted by a person:
    - (a) who has been briefed by a CASA flying operations inspector on the conduct of the operation in accordance with Part 101 of CASR 1998; and
    - (b) who is the operator's employee or under the direct supervision of its employee.
  - 2 The operator must ensure that all areas of operation are approved under regulation 101.030 of CASR 1998.
  - 3 An operation may only be conducted using TOTEX TA 350 balloons, each fitted with a radar reflector and carrying a payload of not more than 500 grams.
  - 4 The operator must ensure that the nature and location of the operation has been notified in AIP or NOTAM before the release of any balloon.
  - 5 The operator must ensure that the operation is conducted in accordance with Part 101 of CASR 1998, other than the provisions mentioned in Schedule 1, as if the balloon is a light balloon.
  - 6 Subject to clause 7, Ray Oermann must be the Station Director for the launch of each balloon.
  - 7 Ray Oermann may delegate the duties and responsibilities relating to the launch of a balloon to a Deputy Station Director only if:
    - (a) the Deputy Station Director has been appropriately trained in the Station Director's duties and responsibilities; and
    - (b) the training has been recorded and certified by the Station Director.
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