



Australian Government

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Instrument number CASA EX12/25

I, ANDREAS MARCELJA, Executive Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under section 4 of *CASA EX08/25 — Radio Requirements (Approved Hang Gliding and Paragliding Events) Exemption 2025* and regulations 11.160 and 11.245 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998*.

[Signed A. Marcelja]

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CASA EX12/25 — Bright Open Instrument 2025

1 Name

This instrument is *CASA EX12/25 — Bright Open Instrument 2025*.

2 Duration

This instrument:

- (a) commences on 9 February 2025; and
- (b) is repealed at the end of 15 May 2025.

Note The provisions of this instrument, other than the direction in section 5, apply only during the event period, which ceases at the end of 15 February 2025. The direction in section 5 is in force until the repeal of this instrument because of the record retention requirement in paragraph 6(b) of Schedule 1.

3 Definitions

Note In this instrument, certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* and the regulations. These include **NOTAM** and **paraglider**.

In this instrument:

CASA EX08/25 means *CASA EX08/25 — Radio Requirements (Approved Hang Gliding and Paragliding Events) Exemption 2025*, as in force from time to time.

event means the Bright Open 2025, conducted near Bright, Victoria, during the event period.

event area means the area in proximity to Bright, Victoria, that:

- (a) is within lateral limits bounded by a circle with the centre at the point of latitude 36° 24.294'S longitude 146° 45.317'E (Stanley) and a radius of 35 nautical miles; and
- (b) is within vertical limits extending from ground level within the lateral limits described in paragraph (a) to 8 500 feet above mean sea level; but

- (c) excludes:
- (i) controlled airspace; and
 - (ii) the area within 3 nautical miles of Mount Beauty Airport (YMBT), unless in accordance with a written agreement of Mt Beauty Airport Management Association Inc. for event participants to fly paragliders in that area.

event period means the period commencing at the start of 9 February 2025 and ceasing at the end of 15 February 2025.

in the vicinity of has the meaning given by regulation 91.360 of CASR.

minimum qualification means a SAFA Pilot Certificate (PG4).

SAFA means Sports Aviation Federation of Australia Limited, ARN 217853.

SAFA ASAO exposition means the exposition:

- (a) comprising the set of documents approved by CASA under regulation 149.080 of CASR in relation to SAFA as an ASAO, as existing at the time this instrument commences; or
- (b) if the set of documents mentioned in paragraph (a) is changed under regulation 149.115 or 149.120 of CASR, or in accordance with the process mentioned in paragraph 149.340(i) of CASR — the set of documents as changed, as existing at the time this instrument commences.

Safety Director means the person appointed by SAFA to manage safety at the event.

specified aerodrome means an aerodrome mentioned in subsection 4(5).

4 Approval

- (1) For subsection 4(2) of CASA EX08/25, the Bright Open 2025 is approved.
- (2) For paragraph 4(4)(a) of CASA EX08/25, the event area is the area defined in section 3 as the **event area**.
- (3) For paragraph 4(4)(b) of CASA EX08/25, the event period is the period defined in section 3 as the **event period**.
- (4) For paragraph 4(4)(c) of CASA EX08/25, the minimum qualification is the qualification defined in section 3 as the **minimum qualification**.
- (5) For subsection 4(5) of CASA EX08/25, the following aerodromes are specified aerodromes:
 - (a) Benalla aerodrome (YBLA), CASA registration number CASA.ADCERT.0251;
 - (b) Corowa aerodrome (YCOR), CASA registration number CASA.ADCERT.0277;
 - (c) Wangaratta aerodrome (YWGT), CASA registration number R092.

5 Direction

SAFA is directed to comply with the requirements mentioned in Schedule 1.

6 Exemption — radio operator

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to an individual mentioned in that subsection if the individual is the holder of a radio operator endorsement issued by SAFA in

accordance with the SAFA ASAO exposition, as it exists at the time this instrument commences.

- (2) Each of the following individuals is exempt from compliance with regulation 91.625 of CASR when transmitting on a radio frequency while operating a ground communications station in accordance with clause 1 of Schedule 1:
- (a) Alex Bryse (SAFA member number 39098);
 - (b) Sonya Fardell, (SAFA member number 46511);
 - (c) Phil Joughin (SAFA member number 301863);
 - (d) Martin Joyce (SAFA member number 18276).

Schedule 1 Requirements for direction

- 1 For each day of the event, SAFA must ensure that:
- (a) a danger area is active for the event that covers the event operations on that day; and
 - (b) an effective ground communications station is established and maintained that covers the following:
 - (i) the area within 15 nautical miles of all paragliders participating in the event;
 - (ii) if a paraglider participating in the event is in the vicinity of a specified aerodrome — the area in the vicinity of the specified aerodrome; and
 - (c) at least one of the individuals mentioned in subsection 6(2) maintains a listening watch on appropriate VHF frequencies whenever flights are taking place for the purpose of the event; and
 - (d) the Safety Director, or another competent person, operates the appropriate UHF frequencies whenever flights are taking place for the purpose of providing traffic, weather and other pertinent information to event participants; and
 - (e) at intervals of no more than 20 minutes, the following information about the event is transmitted on relevant VHF frequencies from a ground communications station to pilots of aircraft, not participating in the event, operating in the event area:
 - (i) location of the launch site and activities, until all paragliders participating in the event are more than 10 nautical miles from the launch site;
 - (ii) duration of activities;
 - (iii) approximate position of the main group of paragliders participating in the event;
 - (iv) approximate average operating altitude of the paragliders participating in the event;
 - (v) operating direction of paragliders participating in the event;
 - (vi) location of the proposed landing site.

- 2 For paragraph (b) of clause 1, an effective ground communications station must be:
 - (a) supported by available back-up VHF and UHF radiocommunication systems and batteries; and
 - (b) active:
 - (i) on relevant UHF frequencies, VHF common traffic advisory frequencies and VHF area frequencies; and
 - (ii) from at least 30 minutes before event flights begin and continuing for the duration of event flights.
- 3 A hand-held VHF radiocommunication system without an external antenna is not an effective ground communications station.
- 4 SAFA must ensure that the Safety Director, at least 5 days before the commencement of the event period, gives CASA sufficient information to prepare a NOTAM about event operations, that manages risk of conflict between paragliders participating in the event and other aircraft, including the following information about event operations:
 - (a) location of the launch site and activities;
 - (b) duration of activities;
 - (c) operating area of paragliders participating in the event.
- 5 Before the first flight on each day of the event, SAFA must ensure that a daily briefing is given to event participants that addresses the following:
 - (a) confirmation of ground communications station set-up and the frequencies in use;
 - (b) review and explanation of the NOTAM published for that day, and the danger area established for that day, in relation to the event;
 - (c) review and explanation of the event area limits and the requirement to operate within those limits;
 - (d) review and explanation of the conditions subject to which the exemption in subsection 5(1) of CASA EX08/25 has been granted;
 - (e) review and explanation of any airspace in which other aircraft may be operating;
 - (f) if event participants may fly in the vicinity of an aerodrome — review and explanation of the air traffic and activities which may occur at the aerodrome;
 - (g) expected weather conditions for that day;
 - (h) any other matters that SAFA considers appropriate to promote the safety of the event.
- 6 SAFA must:
 - (a) ensure that, for each day of the event, the Safety Director records the name of each event participant that attends the daily briefing mentioned in clause 5; and
 - (b) retain the records mentioned in paragraph (a) for 3 months from the end of the event period; and
 - (c) on request by an authorised CASA officer, make the records mentioned in paragraph (a) available for inspection by the officer.

- 7 Before each event participant first operates a paraglider during the event period for the purpose of the event, SAFA must ensure that the Safety Director gives the event participant:
 - (a) a diagram that identifies the event area and air traffic routes to assist the participant to manage the risk of conflict with other aircraft; and
 - (b) a document that identifies the conditions that the event participant must comply with, including the conditions in CASA EX08/25.
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