



Australian Government

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Instrument number CASA EX106/22

I, CHRISTOPHER PAUL MONAHAN, Executive Manager, National Operations & Standards, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulation 11.160 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998*.

[Signed Christopher P. Monahan]

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Executive Manager, National Operations & Standards

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CASA EX106/22 – Dropping or Releasing Things from Aircraft (Smith Aviation – VDA Storebuoy Test Flights) Exemption 2022

1 Name

This instrument is *CASA EX106/22 – Dropping or Releasing Things from Aircraft (Smith Aviation – VDA Storebuoy Test Flights) Exemption 2022*.

2 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: ***pilot in command*** and ***registered***.

In this instrument:

Smith Aviation means Smith Aviation Pty Ltd, ARN 534735.

VDA Storebuoy test article means an air-launched payload, comprised of a cylindrical container containing life rafts and descent parachutes, designed by Aeromechanica Pty Ltd and designed for use in search and rescue operations.

3 Exemptions

- (1) This section applies in relation to a Cessna model U206F aircraft (registered as VH-IRI) or a Cessna model U206G aircraft (registered as VH-RIH), operated by Smith Aviation, if an experimental certificate issued by CASA is in force for the aircraft that, among other things:
 - (a) authorises test flights of the aircraft for the purpose of research and development or showing compliance with regulations (see paragraphs 21.191(a) and (b) of CASR), involving the release of VDA Storebuoy test articles carried on the aircraft; and
 - (b) restricts the operation of the aircraft, and the release of the test articles, for that purpose to the areas near the private airfield used by SA Skydiving at 151 Skeldon Rd, Wellington, South Australia described in the experimental certificate.

- (2) The pilot in command is, when operating the aircraft under the experimental certificate, exempt from compliance with regulation 91.190 of CASR to the extent that the operation involves dropping VDA Storebuoy test articles from the aircraft in flight.
- (3) Smith Aviation and the pilot in command of the aircraft are, when operating the aircraft under the experimental certificate, exempt from compliance with Part 138 of CASR to the extent that the operation involves dropping or releasing VDA Storebuoy test articles from the aircraft in flight.

Note The dropping or releasing of object from an aircraft in flight constitutes a **dispensing operation** under subregulation 138.010(3) of CASR which in turn constitutes an **aerial work operation** under subregulation 138.010(1) of CASR. That activity would, without an exemption, attract the application of Part 138 of CASR.

4 Repeal

This instrument is repealed at the end of 30 November 2025.
