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Recognised Operations Manual

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Reason for the Policy

CAR 215 (1) This policy affirms CASA’s recognition of the AAAA Aerial Agricultural Operations Manual as meeting the requirement of CAR 215(1).

Background

CAR 215 (1) CAR 215(1) states ‘An operator shall provide an operations manual for the use and guidance of the operations personnel of the operator’.

In the past CASA has received complaints of inconsistency in relation to the acceptance of company operations manuals for aerial agricultural operations. The Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia (AAAA) developed an operations manual for use by members to address this issue.

CASA has assessed this manual and found that it is acceptable and recognized it as a manual that satisfies the requirement of the regulation. Operations specific to an operator are to be detailed in a separate appendix.
Applicability

This policy applies only to the aerial agricultural operations manual produced by the AAAA as amended from time to time and assessed by CASA.

Policy

CAR 215 (1) The AAAA’s operations manual assessed by CASA is recognized to meet the requirement of CAR 215(1) for applicants or existing AOC holders who are members of the AAAA. Specific operations require a separate appendix that details such information, procedures and instructions as are necessary to ensure the safe conduct of aerial agricultural flight operations.

The AAAA shall furnish copies of the current version of the operations manual to CASA. The master copy is retained in Regulatory Service Branch (RSB) and copies supplied to all Area Offices.

The applicant will supply appendices detailing specific operations and will be assessed by the RSB Agricultural Unit. Copies will be retained in RSB and forwarded to the relevant Area Office.

CASA recognizes the generic AAAA manual and as such CASA officers conducting either entry control or surveillance activities are required to make assessments based on the content of the manual. CASA officers who have specific comments may address them to the GM, RSB in the interest of improving the document.

CAR 215 (2) Officers conducting entry control or surveillance activities are required to assess the appendices for its suitability as meeting the requirement of CAR 215(2).

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