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CASA EX19/19 — Use of Radiocommunication Systems in Firefighting Operations (NSW Rural Fire Service) Instrument 2019

1 Name
This instrument is CASA EX19/19 — Use of Radiocommunication Systems in Firefighting Operations (NSW Rural Fire Service) Instrument 2019.

2 Duration
This instrument:
(a) commences on 1 March 2019; and
(b) is repealed at the end of 28 February 2022.

3 Definitions
Note In this instrument, certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the Act and the Regulations. These include: AA, firefighting operations and radiocommunication system.

NSW RFS aviation radio operator means a person who is:
(a) a member of the NSW RFS or a member of staff of the NSW RFS; and
(b) performing the function of an “aviation radio operator” for the NSW RFS; and
(c) performing duties in relation to firefighting operations for the NSW RFS.

the NSW RFS means the State of New South Wales represented by NSW Rural Fire Service, ARN 805539.

4 Application
This instrument applies in relation to the NSW RFS if it is engaged in firefighting activities.
5 Exemption
(1) An NSW RFS aviation radio operator, when operating a radiocommunication system in the course of his or her duties, is exempt from compliance with regulations 83 of CAR and 64.040 of CASR.
(2) The exemption mentioned in subsection (1) is subject to the conditions mentioned in section 6.

6 Conditions
(1) The NSW RFS aviation radio operator must, in the preceding 14 months, have successfully completed the NSW RFS training course for use of aviation radiocommunication systems.
(2) The NSW RFS aviation radio operator must have been assessed by the person holding, or acting in, the position of Executive Director, Operations, for the NSW RFS, or his or her delegate, as competent to transmit messages to pilots of aircraft and ground crew engaged in firefighting operations using aviation communications protocol.
(3) The NSW RFS aviation radio operator must use only the aviation bandwidth VHF AM frequencies allocated to the NSW RFS by AA and the Australian Communications and Media Authority.
(4) The NSW RFS aviation radio operator must use the allocated aviation bandwidth VHF AM frequencies only for tactical aircraft-to-aircraft and air-to-ground communications.

7 Direction
The NSW RFS is directed to provide a copy of this instrument to each NSW RFS aviation radio operator before assigning the operator to duty for a firefighting operation.