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Subject: High Risk Commercial Specialised Operations		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This OAN is issued in accordance with the requirements / obligations established in ARO.OPS.150. This OAN contains is a non-exhaustive list of what the Civil Aviation Directorate (CAD) considers high risk operations.

1.1 Definition of High Risk Operations.

As defined in Article 2 of the Cover Regulation (EU) 965/2012, high risk commercial specialised operations means;

any commercial specialised aircraft operation carried out over an area where the safety of third parties on the ground is likely to be endangered in the event of an emergency, or, as determined by the competent authority of the place where the operation is conducted, any commercial specialised aircraft operation that, due to its specific nature and the local environment in which it is conducted, poses a high risk, in particular to third parties on the ground;

2.0 APPLICABILITY

The list of high risk commercial specialised operations is applicable to the below organisations –

1. Any organisation having declared its activity with a competent authority of an EASA member state, conducting this operation within Malta and the territorial waters; and
2. Any organisation declaring its activity with CAD, and conducting this type of high risk operation in any other state.

The operators shall consult the competent authority of the state where the operation is taking place. *See Appendix 1 for applicability Matrix.*

3.0 High Risk Activities

The CAD has categorised the below activities as being high risk;

- a) Operations where special equipment is necessary to fulfil the mission and which affects the manoeuvrability of the aircraft;
- b) Operations where substances are released from the aircraft during the flight where these substances are either harmful or affect the manoeuvrability of the aircraft;
- c) Operations where external loads or goods are lifted or towed, including but not limited to;
 - *Towing of objects*
 - *Sling load operations*
 - *Wing walking;*
- d) Operations where persons enter or leave the aircraft during flight, including but not limited to;
 - *Parachute operations and skydiving;*
- e) Human external cargo operations including but not limited to;
 - *Winching, rappelling, fast roping and suspended extraction operations.*
- f) Survey operations, including aerial mapping operations;
- g) Movie filming flights over congested areas, including aerial photography flights, and air to air or air to ground filming;
- h) Special events flights, including aerobatic flying displays and competition flights;
- i) Sensational flights: flights involving extreme aerobatic manoeuvres carried out for the purpose of allowing the persons on board to experience zero gravity, high G-forces or similar sensations.
- j) Flight requiring close proximity operations, including but not limited to;
 - Formation flying.

4.0 APPLICATION FOR HIGH RISK OPERATION

Application for authorisation of a high risk commercial specialised operation shall be done using CAD Form 0318.

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