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1.0 Introduction

As anticipated in OAN 06/13, Commission Regulation (EU) No. 379/2014 amending Regulation (EU) 965/2012 has entered into force. This rule introduced Implementing Rules for Specialised Operations (Part-SPO Annex VIII).

The applicability date was 21st April 2014; however the Regulation also provided that Member States may opt out of applying the new rules until 21st April 2017. Malta has in fact made use of the full opt out period and the Commission has been notified accordingly.

This notice also supplements OANs No 01/2012, 03/2012, 04/2013 and 06/2013.

2.0 Implementation

The introduction of Part-SPO will require changes to the oversight programme conducted by the CAD. A transition programme shall be organised and further information may be found in future OAN's.

Part-SPO may be of particular interest to those organisations conducting activities falling under this category both locally and overseas. The rule includes provisions for two different level of activities, those which are considered low risk (thus requiring only a declaration of activity) while high risk operations will require a declaration issued by TM-CAD.

Annex VIII shall be treated on conjunction with Annex III and Annex VII which are also applicable to organisations conducting activities listed in Part-SPO.

3.0 Transition to Part-SPO.

Until the Regulation 379/2014 becomes applicable all affected organisations shall make themselves familiar with the requirements set out by the rule. It is the intention of TM-CAD to align the oversight requirements as required by Part-SPO earlier than the derogation period allows. All interested organisations shall contact TM-CAD through the flight operations inspectorate at the earliest for more details.

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