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Civil Aviation Safety Authority

INSTRUMENT NUMBER: CASA.MODEL.0098 Revision Initial

I, Mark Andrew Lewis, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulation 11.056 and paragraph 101.030(1)(a), and 101.065, and 101.080(1)(b) of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR)*.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Lewis'.

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24 December 2024

Approval – an area for the operation of model aircraft near an aerodrome

1 Name

This instrument is *CASA.MODEL.0098 Revision Initial – Approval of an area for the operation of model aircraft near an aerodrome – 2024*.

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: model aircraft and model aircraft flying display.

In this instrument:

AGL means Above Ground Level.

approved area means the area approved under Schedule 1.

the aerodrome means RICHMOND (NSW) (YSRI).

the club means NSW Free Flight Society (Richmond).

the club rules means Richmond Rules Ver 3.1, as it exists at the time this instrument commences.

relevant operator means a person operating model aircraft who is:

- (a) a member or inducted visitor of the club; and
- (b) an affiliated or honorary member of Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc (MAAA), Aviation Reference Number 578375.

3 Application

This instrument applies to the relevant operator.

4 Approval

I approve the relevant operator to operate model aircraft in the area specified in Schedule 1.

5 Conditions

The approval is subject to the conditions in Schedule 1.

6 Duration

This instrument:

- (a) commences on 24 December 2024; and
- (b) is repealed at the end of 24 December 2029.

Schedule 1 General Conditions

1. The approved area for the operation of model aircraft is the area defined by the following co-ordinates at the aerodrome:
Point 1: 33 24 17.22S 150 46 06.57E
Point 2: 33 34 18.94S 150 46 30.18E
Point 3: 33 34 38.85S 150 46 26.21E
Point 4: 33 34 34.32S 150 46 03.24E
 - 400 feet (122m) AGL; and
 - over the movement area and runway of the aerodrome; and
 - Operations are permitted (subject to ATC clearance) on Friday and Sundays
2. A relevant operator must comply with:
 - (a) the club rules; and
 - (b) MAAA rules and procedures.
3. The club must ensure model aircraft are operated in accordance with any written permission and associated conditions from the aerodrome operator.
4. The club must appoint a dedicated flight line observer, who must be present on the flight line when model aircraft operations are being conducted.
5. The observer must:
 - (a) maintain a visual lookout for aviation traffic; and
 - (b) monitor the local aviation frequency for aviation traffic; and
 - (c) in the event that a conventionally piloted aircraft is identified operating in the vicinity of the operating area in Schedule 1, condition 1, ensure that all model aircraft are operated below 400 feet AGL; or
 - (d) in the event that a conventionally piloted aircraft is operating to or from the aerodrome, direct all model aircraft to land and clear the runway (outside the gable markers) as soon as practicably safe to do so.
6. The relevant operator must comply with any safety-related direction given by a observer.
7. The relevant operator and any other persons under the authority of the MAAA must wear a reflective high visibility vest or compatible clothing whilst operating within the runway gable markers.
8. Persons not directly involved in the operation of model aircraft must be confined to areas no closer than 30 metres behind the flight line.
9. Model aircraft must not be flown unless a current NOTAM advising of model aircraft operations is active, or a model aircraft symbol appears on the current AIP charts.

Note: This instrument does not confer on the MAAA any rights as against the owner or occupier of any land on or over which operations are conducted, or prejudice in any way, the rights and remedies which any person may have in law in respect of any injury to persons or damage to property resulting directly or indirectly from the operation.