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The Irish Aviation Authority, in pursuance of section 58 and 59 of the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993, hereby orders as follows:

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Irish Aviation Authority (Regulation of Irish Coast Guard Aviation Operations) Order 2022.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of May 2022.

(3) In this Order:

“the Act” means the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993 (No. 29 of 1993) as amended;

“the Authority” means the Irish Aviation Authority;

“Coast Guard Technical Crew” means a member of a coast guard crew, other than flight crew, assigned to a coast guard operations flight for the purpose of operating specific aircraft and role equipment and assisting the flight crew during the mission;

“Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 923/2012” means Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 923/2012 laying down the common rules of the air and operational provisions regarding services and procedures in air navigation and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 1035/2011 and Regulations (EC) No. 1265/2007, (EC) No. 1794/2006, (EC) No. 730/2006, (EC) No. 1033/2006 and (EU) No. 255/2010;

“direction” means a direction issued by the Authority;

“Irish Coast Guard aviation operations” means aviation operations undertaken by or under contract to the Irish Coast Guard;

“the EASA Regulation” means Regulation (EC) No. 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 and shall include any rules or regulations adopted by the European Commission in accordance with the EASA regulation;

“prescribed” means prescribed by a direction given by the Authority under this Order or under any other Order or by a direction or Order issued pursuant to a provision of the Act.

Scope

2 (a). This Order shall apply to aircraft operators, crew, and aircraft, other than unmanned aircraft, engaged in aviation operations undertaken by or under contract to the Irish Coast Guard.

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- (b). For the avoidance of doubt, this Order shall not apply to State aircraft when engaged in aviation operations undertaken by or under contract to the to the Irish Coast Guard.

Air Operations

- 3 (a). An operator of an aircraft engaged in Irish Coast Guard aviation operations shall be the holder of a national coast guard approval issued by the Authority, and all Irish Coast Guard aviation operations shall be conducted in accordance with that approval.
- (b). In accordance with Article 7 of this Order, the Authority may lay down the conditions applicable to the granting of a national coast guard approval.
- (c). An operator of an aircraft engaged in Irish Coast Guard aviation operations shall have documented operational procedures acceptable to the Authority.
- (d). An operator of an aircraft engaged in Irish Coast Guard aviation operations shall be the holder of an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) issued in accordance with the EASA Regulation.
- (e). An operator of an aircraft engaged in Irish Coast Guard aviation operations shall be subject to a system as the Authority may establish to address findings of non-compliance.

Airworthiness

4. In so far as it holds a certificate of Airworthiness and associated Airworthiness Review Certificate issued in accordance with the EASA Regulation, an operator of an aircraft engaged in Irish Coast Guard aviation operations is exempt from the requirement for an Irish registered aircraft to have a certificate of airworthiness in accordance with Article 7 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Airworthiness of Aircraft) Order, 1996.

Flight Crew Licensing

- 5. (a) In so far as they hold a valid and current commercial pilot licence or airline transport pilot licence, issued and maintained in accordance with the EASA Regulation, flight crew engaged in Irish Coast Guard aviation operations shall be exempt from the requirements of Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel) Licensing, Order (S.I. No. 333 of 2000) when they are acting as a flight crew member of an aircraft registered in the State.
- (b). Flight crew engaged in Irish Coast Guard aviation operations shall not exercise any privilege for instruction or examining in flying in relation to Irish Coast Guard aviation operations unless otherwise authorised in writing by the Authority.
- (c). Flight crew of an aircraft engaged in Irish Coast Guard aviation operations shall hold a current Class 1 medical certificate and