



Falkland Islands Civil Aviation Department

ADVISORY CIRCULAR LOW FLYING PROHIBITIONS

This circular reiterates the Low Flying Rule as published in the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013 and applies to all aircraft operating in the Falkland Islands. No low flying prohibition can be exceeded without permission from the Governor who will consider requests backed by a safety case approved by the operator's regulatory authority. In this context the Governor means the Director of Civil Aviation.

Summary of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013, Low Flying Rule:

(1) An aircraft must comply with the low flying prohibitions unless exempted by rule 6.

(2) If more than one of the low flying prohibitions applies, the greatest height required must be applied.

(3)(a) Engine failure.

An aircraft must not be flown below such height as would enable an emergency landing without causing danger to persons or property on the surface in the event of an engine failure.

(3)(b) The 500 feet rule.

Except with permission of the Governor, an aircraft must not be flown closer than 500 feet to any person, vessel, vehicle or structure.

(3)(c) The 1,000 feet rule.

Except with permission of the Governor, an aircraft flying over a congested area of a town or settlement must not fly below a height of 1,000 feet above obstacles within a horizontal radius of 600 metres of the aircraft.

(3)(d) The land clear rule.

An aircraft flying over a congested area of a town or settlement must not fly below such height as would permit the aircraft to land clear of the congested area in the event of an engine failure.

(3)(e) Flying over open air assemblies.

Except with permission of the Governor, an aircraft must not fly over an organised open-air assembly of more than 1,000 persons below whichever is the higher of the following heights — (i) 1,000 feet; or (ii) such height as would permit the aircraft to land clear of the assembly in the event of an engine failure.

(3)(f) **Landing and taking off near open air assemblies.** An aircraft must not land or take-off within 1,000 metres of an organised, open-air assembly of more than 1,000 persons except—

(i) at an aerodrome, in accordance with procedures notified by the Governor; or (ii) at a landing site that is not an aerodrome, in accordance with procedures notified by the Governor and with permission of the event organiser.

Exemptions from the low flying prohibitions are as follows—

(a)(i) An aircraft is exempt from the low flying prohibitions when it is flying in accordance with normal aviation practice for the purpose of taking off from, landing at or practising approaches to landing at; or checking navigational aids or procedures at, a certificated or notified aerodrome.

To view the full Low Flying Rule: <https://www.airsafety.aero/Requirements-and-Policy/Legislation.aspx>


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