

AD 1.4 – GROUPING OF AERODROMES/HELIPORTS

1 Aerodrome Categorisation

1.1 Responsible Authority

1.1.1 The Civil Aviation Authority, through its Directorate of Aerodrome Standards, is responsible for the general surveillance of all licensed civil aerodromes in the United Kingdom. Enquiries relating to aerodromes and licensing should be made to Aerodrome Standards Department Tel: 01293-573283, Fax: 01293-573971. See GEN 1.1 for address.

1.2 Licence Types

1.2.1 In the United Kingdom there are two types of civil aerodrome licence, namely Public Use Licence and Ordinary Licence.

1.2.2 Aerodromes or Heliports operated in accordance with a Public Use Licence must have their hours of availability notified in the UK AIP and the aerodrome/heliport must be available to all operators on certain equal terms and conditions. However, this does not necessarily mean that the aerodrome is available to all flights without limitation. Aircraft operators must check and comply with the requirements and conditions of use indicated at AD 2 or AD 3.

1.2.3 Aerodromes or Heliports operated in accordance with an Ordinary Licence may accept flights operated by the holder of the licence or by those specifically authorised by that licence holder. This normally means that prior permission is required for most flights but it does not exclude the possibility of scheduled or non-scheduled public transport flights being arranged after the formal agreement of the licence holder.

1.2.4 The annotations within column 4 of the table at AD 1.3 reflect the aerodrome/heliport licence type and must be interpreted in conjunction with the above descriptions and with the conditions of use indicated at AD 2 and AD 3.

1.3 Government Aerodromes

1.3.1 Detailed descriptions of Government aerodromes are not listed in the UK AIP. The one exception to this exclusion is Northolt which is operated by the Royal Air Force and regularly used by civilian business aviation.

1.3.2 Several Government aerodromes accept civil traffic subject to prior approval. These aerodromes are listed at AD 1.3 and detailed information about them is published in the UK Military documentation which is available to civil pilots on application to the RAF AIDU at Northolt (see GEN 3.2.3 for address and contact details).

1.3.3 Refer to AD 1.1.1 paragraph 12 for general conditions of use.

1.4 Unlicensed Aerodromes

1.4.1 Unlicensed aerodromes are not detailed in the UK AIP.



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