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AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR

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Dropping of parachutes

1. Section 17 of the Aviation (Rules of the Air and Air Traffic Control) regulations, 1971 states that save in emergency no person shall descend by means of a parachute from an aircraft unless, if such aircraft is flying within Zimbabwe, the descent is authorized by the General Manager, and subject to any conditions or limitations contained in such authorization. It is the purpose of this circular to detail the procedure to be adopted when applying for such permission:
 - i) Permission is not required for descents made into training areas which have previously been approved.
 - ii) Permission is required for descents into all other areas and request must be received by the Authority at least 7 days before the date of the proposed descents. Applications must include at least the following information:
 - a) Type registration of the aircraft to be used.
 - b) Full names of all pilots who are to fly the aircraft.
 - c) Names and qualifications of all parachutists involved.
 - d) Confirmation that the local Zimbabwe Republican Police have no objections to the descents being made.
 - e) Written permission from the owners of the land into which the descents are to be made.
 - f) A scale diagram of the proposed dropping zone and surrounding area, with all significant obstructions clearly marked.
 - iii) Requests for permission to make parachute descents into areas other than approved training areas should be made through the Zimbabwean Parachute Association.

2. The following persons only will be approved to pilot aircraft which are to be used for dropping parachutists:
 - i) Holders of commercial, senior commercial or airline transport pilot licences which include the type of aircraft in group 1 of the license
 - ii) Holders of any class of pilot licence in which is included an instructor or assistant instructor rating qualifying the holder to instruct on the type of aircraft concerned.

3. All pilots are strongly advised to obtain suitable instruction in the dropping of parachutists before carrying out such activities irrespective of whether they are required by the provisions of this circular to do so or not.
4. It should be noted that only certain types of aircraft are approved for the purpose of dropping parachutists. These include most of the Cessna single-engine range, certain high-wing Piper aircraft, Airforce CASA, Islander, the DC-3 and later versions of Beech single-engine aircraft. In cases of doubt as to the approval status the Authority should be consulted.
5. All parachutists must be in possession of a valid permit issued by the Zimbabwean Parachute Association. Visitors to Zimbabwe may have their foreign permits validated on application to the Chief Inspector of one parachute club in Zimbabwe.



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This AIC is issued for information guidance and necessary action.