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MAA/RI/2024/01 – Confirmation of Controlling Regulatory Article for Determination of Minimum Medical Employment Standards for Supernumerary Crew.

References:

- A. RA 2135 – Aircrew and Supernumerary Crew Medical Requirements – Issue 11.
- B. RA 2340 – Supernumerary Crew, Supernumerary Support Crew and Passengers – Issue 8.

Issue

The publication of RA 2135 Issue 11 (Reference A) introduced the requirement for Aviation Duty Holders (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) to state the required Medical Employment Standards (MES) for Supernumerary Crew following medical policy advice¹. RA 2340 Issue 8 (Reference B) requires ADH / AM(MF) to determine the appropriate medical standard for Supernumerary Crew from stipulated minima². It is possible for medical policy advice to differ from the stipulated minima in RA 2340, creating a conflict between the two Regulatory Articles (RAs).

Aim

This Regulatory Instruction (RI) removes the potential conflict between RA 2135 and RA 2340 by stipulating which is the controlling RA.

Implementation

This RI is effective immediately.

Background

RA 2135 Issue 11 introduced the requirement for ADH / AM(MF) to consider medical policy advice when determining Supernumerary Crew MES, giving due regard to the platform and role. This advice has resulted in more permissive MES than is permitted by RA 2340, leading to requests for Waivers against this RA. To address the conflict between the RAs, a Request For Change to RA 2340 Issue 8 has been submitted³.

Transitional Arrangements

RA 2340 will undergo a periodic review for re-issue, which will incorporate MAA/RFC/2023/177. Until RA 2340 is re-issued RA 2135 **should** be the controlling RA where conflict exists between medical advice and the MES stipulated in RA 2340. This RI will be withdrawn on the publication of RA 2340 – Issue 9.

Queries

Any observations or requests for further guidance on the content of this RI should be submitted by email to DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk.

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¹ RA 2135(1): Medical Employment Standard – Guidance Material, Paragraph 3.

² RA 2340(1): Supernumerary Crew – Paragraph 11 and Annex A.

³ MAA/RFC/2023/177.