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Dear Mr. de Waziers,

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding the legality of advertising cost-sharing flights, in the UK, on web based internet platforms.

The UK CAA has adopted COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Although the UK has taken advantage of the opportunity to derogate the implementation of the Air Operations Regulations until 25 August 2016, the UK CAA has issued an exemption, E 4020 ORS 4 1094 to facilitate the early adoption of this regulation under UK national law, which allows the sharing of the direct costs of a flight by up to six people as per Article 6.4a. The aim of the exemption is to allow pilots operating within UK airspace to take advantage of the cost-sharing provision with the intention of encouraging more frequent flying by private pilots to maintain more regular flying currency and thus improving safety.

Whilst advertising of these flights is considered legal in the UK, these cost-sharing flights should not be portrayed as commercial air transport flights with the inherent protection that those flights would normally be associated with.

The UK is not in a position to authorise cost-sharing flights across international boundaries and pilots would need to ensure that each territory that they intend to operate in have already implemented the Air Operations Regulations or have appropriate provisions within the Member States' Air Navigation Order.

Yours sincerely

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