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## **AMENDED RULES FOR REFUELLING OPERATIONS ON DUTCH AERODROMES**

### **1 — INTRODUCTION**

The CAA-NL announces that new Dutch regulation for the safe operation of aerodromes and other sites has become effective from 1 November 2009. Due to the introduction of this regulation some rules for aeroplane refuelling operations have changed.

### **2 — THE USE OF ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING REFUELLING OPERATIONS**

Less restrictive rules apply to the use of electric and electronic devices that are part of an aeroplane. If current aircraft maintenance or operation manuals show that testing or use of those devices is allowed, then these actions are no longer prohibited. This also may be interpreted a contrario. If the documentation only highlights the devices not to be used or tested, the use or testing of devices not-mentioned is allowed. When the documentation contains no clues about the testing or use of those devices during refuelling operations, then these actions remain prohibited. During refuelling operations it also remains prohibited to change the position of electric and electronic switches that are not part of an aeroplane or that are not required for refuelling, loading or unloading operations.

### **3 — REFUELLING OPERATIONS WITH PASSENGERS ON BOARD, EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING**

For the aerodromes AMSTERDAM/Schiphol (EHAM), GRONINGEN/Eelde (EHGG), MAASTRICHT/Maastricht Aachen (EHBK) and ROTTERDAM/Rotterdam (EHRD) the rules for refuelling operations with passengers on board, embarking or disembarking have changed. Alternative evacuation methods may be used in addition to the methods prescribed thus far. Instead of the rule that all exits available for emergency evacuation must be connected to a passenger bridge or passenger stairs, also the use of an emergency exit equipped with an evacuation slide is allowed, provided that:

- the exit to be used has been designated by the captain or by a procedure, prior to the start of the refuelling operations;
- during the refuelling operations qualified personnel is present at that exit;
- the escape route on the apron is free from obstacles.

The obligation to have at least two exits available for emergency evacuation is maintained.

### **4 — REFERENCES**

- a. Algemeen luchthavenreglement, art. 18, part 2, items i. and j.;
- b. Aanvullend luchthavenreglement Schiphol, art. 7;
- c. Aanvullend luchthavenreglement Maastricht, art. 21;
- d. Aanvullend luchthavenreglement Rotterdam, art. 22;
- e. Aanvullend luchthavenreglement Eelde, art. 7.

### **5 — TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS**

Once the change of the rules, as mentioned in paragraph 2, became effective, it appeared that part of them could be easily misinterpreted. As a consequence the rules will be reviewed again. Until the review has been completed, a temporary exemption applies, namely:

- a. The requirement that the use of electric and electronic devices during refueling operations has to be authorized by certifying staff in the category A, B1 or B2 as defined in EC Regulation 2042/2003, Annex III, does not have to be complied with.

It also appeared that with the change of the rules, as mentioned in paragraph 3, some imperfections have been introduced. Rectification of these defects has been requested. Until the rules are amended two temporary exemptions apply, namely:

- a. In the requirement about two-way communication between cockpit and groundcrew, the term 'cockpit' may be replaced by 'qualified personnel on board of the aeroplane';
- b. The requirement that the emergency exits are not located at the side of the aeroplane where the refuelling takes place, does not have to be complied with. It is up to the operator to decide about the exits to be used.

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