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Subject : Photography from an aerodrome or from an aircraft in flight.

In one of the recent fatal accident to a helicopter engaged in sight seeing flight, remnants of the photographic equipment has been found indicating that the passengers were involved in the photographic activities during the flight.

Rule 13 of the Aircraft Rules 1937 governing Photography at Aerodromes or from Aircraft in Flight requires that:

“No person shall take, or cause or permit to be taken, at a Government aerodrome or from an aircraft in flight, any photograph except in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of a permission in writing granted by the Director-General, a Deputy Director-General, the Director of Regulations and Information or a Controller of Aerodromes of the Civil Aviation Department.

Provided that the Director-General from time to time, may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that these restrictions shall not apply to photography at any Government aerodrome, or within such limits of any Government aerodrome as may be specified in the order.”

In compliance with the above Rule and in the interest of the safety of aircraft operation all Non-Scheduled Operators/ pilots particularly engaged in joy ride/ sight seeing flights should ensure that aerial photography by passengers on board an aircraft are fully governed in accordance with Rule 13 of The Aircraft Rules 1937 governing Photography at Aerodromes or from Aircraft in flight.

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For Director General of Civil Aviation

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To : All Non Scheduled Operators
Private Operators
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