Small Unmanned Aircraft – Registration and Remote Pilot Competency Requirements for Control Line Model Aircraft Flights

1) The Civil Aviation Authority (‘the CAA’), in exercise of its powers under article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 (‘the ANO’), exempts any person¹ involved in the flight of a Control Line model aircraft² from the requirements of articles 94D (registration as an SUA operator) and 94F (requirement for acknowledgement of remote pilot competency) in relation to the flight of such an aircraft.

2) This exemption only applies to the flight of Control Line model aircraft that are conducted for the purposes of sport or recreation. It does not apply to ‘tethered’ flights of small unmanned aircraft that are capable of vertical take-off/landing or hovering, such as helicopters or multicopters.

3) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No.1333, which is revoked.

4) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until varied, suspended or revoked.

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¹ The SUA operator or remote pilot.
² Control Line model aircraft are model aircraft that are controlled in flight by one or more (normally a pair) of lines, attached to a handle, that work the required flight functions. The aircraft is connected to the remote pilot by these lines, hence its flight is constrained to the surface of a hemisphere around the remote pilot dependent on the length of the lines. These aircraft fall under the Air Navigation Order 2016 definition of a ‘small unmanned aircraft’.