



CAT.OP.MPA.105 Use of aerodromes and operating sites

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- (a) The operator shall only use aerodromes and operating sites that are adequate for the type(s) of aircraft and operation(s) concerned.
- (b) The use of operating sites shall only apply to:
 - (1) other-than complex motor-powered aeroplanes; and
 - (2) helicopters.

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DEFINING OPERATING SITES — HELICOPTERS

When defining operating sites (including infrequent or temporary sites) for the type(s) of helicopter(s) and operation(s) concerned, the operator should take account of the following:

- (a) An adequate site is a site that the operator considers to be satisfactory, taking account of the applicable performance requirements and site characteristics (guidance on standards and criteria are contained in ICAO Annex 14 Volume 2 and in the ICAO *Heliport Manual* (Doc 9261-AN/903)).
- (b) The operator should have in place a procedure for the survey of sites by a competent person. Such a procedure should take account of possible changes to the site characteristics which may have taken place since last surveyed.
- (c) Sites that are pre-surveyed should be specifically specified in the operations manual. The operations manual should contain diagrams or/and ground and aerial photographs, and depiction (pictorial) and description of:
 - (1) the overall dimensions of the site;
 - (2) location and height of relevant obstacles to approach and take-off profiles, and in the manoeuvring area;
 - (3) approach and take-off flight paths;
 - (4) surface condition (blowing dust/snow/sand);
 - (5) helicopter types authorised with reference to performance requirements;
 - (6) provision of control of third parties on the ground (if applicable);
 - (7) procedure for activating site with land owner or controlling authority;
 - (8) other useful information, for example, appropriate ATS agency and frequency; and
 - (9) lighting (if applicable).
- (d) For sites that are not pre-surveyed, the operator should have in place a procedure that enables the pilot to make, from the air, a judgment on the suitability of a site. (c)(1) to (c)(6) should be considered.
- (e) Operations to non-pre-surveyed sites by night (except in accordance with [SPA.HEMS.125\(b\)\(4\)](#)) should not be permitted.