

PART IV

BANNER TOWING

Applicability of Part IV

43. This Part applies to operations involving towing of banners or other signs, lit or unlit by aircraft.

Applicability
of Part IV

Banner Towing Certificate or Authorization

44. (1) A person shall not conduct operations under this Part unless he has a Banner Towing Certificate or equivalent authorization issued by the Authority.

Requirement
for Banner
Towing
Certificate or
authorization

(2) A person wishing to apply for a Banner Towing Certificate shall—

(a) apply to the Authority in the prescribed form; and

(b) pay the prescribed fee.

(3) Where the Director General is satisfied that an applicant satisfies the requirements under this Part, he may recommend the Authority issue that person with the relevant certificate or authorization under subregulation (1).

(4) Notwithstanding subregulations (1) and (3) a person who operates a helicopter under Part II of these Regulations may tow a banner using an external-load attaching means without a Banner Towing Certificate where that person has at least a Class B authorization on his operating certificate.

Banner Towing Requirements for Aircraft

45. (1) A person shall not operate an aircraft that is towing a banner unless that aircraft is equipped with a tow hook and release control system that meet the applicable airworthiness standards.

Aircraft
requirements
for banner
towing

(2) A pilot shall not conduct banner towing operations in helicopter unless such helicopter has a means to prevent the banner from becoming entangled in its tail rotor during all phases of flight, including auto-rotations.

Banner Tow Operations Experience and Training Requirements

46. (1) A pilot shall not conduct non-commercial banner tow operations unless that person has a valid Private Pilot Licence and a minimum of two hundred hours pilot in command flight time.

Experience
and training
requirements
for conduct of
banner tow
operations

(2) A pilot shall not conduct banner tow operations for compensation or hire, without a Commercial Pilot Licence and at least a valid Class E medical certificate.

(3) A pilot engaged in banner tow operations shall demonstrate his competence to the Authority by performing at least one pickup and drop off, of the maximum number of letters or panels that can be used.

(4) A demonstration under subregulation (3) shall be observed from the ground to allow the inspector to evaluate the competence of any essential ground personnel as well as the flight operation.

Operating Rules for Banner Tow Operations

Operating
rules for
banner tow
operations

47. (1) A banner tow operation shall be conducted—

(a) in Visual Flight Rules weather conditions; and

(b) between the hours of official sunrise and official sunset.

(2) A person shall not conduct banner tow operations—

(a) over congested areas or open air assemblies of persons lower than one thousand feet; and

(b) elsewhere lower than the minimum safe altitude requirements under the Civil Aviation [(No. 2) Operations] Regulations, 2004.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), a helicopter may be used in banner tow operations lower than the minimum prescribed altitude where such operations are conducted without jeopardizing the safety of persons or property on the surface.

(4) A person holding a certificate or equivalent authorization under this Part shall not conduct banner towing operations, unless prior approval is obtained from the airport manager.

(5) When conducting banner tow operation at an airport—

(a) with a control tower, the operator shall notify the personnel at the control tower of the time of the banner tow operation;

(b) within close proximity to an uncontrolled airport, the operator shall notify the appropriate airport personnel of the banner towing operations.

(6) No person other than crew members directly involved in conducting banner tow operations shall be carried on board the aircraft involved in towing a banner.

(7) When conducting banner tow operations above congested areas, the pilot of the aircraft shall at all time exercise due care to minimize the risk of damage to persons or property on the surface in the event the emergency release of banner or tow rope becomes necessary.

(8) Where a banner tow operation is completed the tow-rope shall be dropped in a pre-designated area at least five hundred feet from persons, buildings, parked automobiles, and aircraft.

(9) Where a tow plane lands with the tow-rope attached, the pilot of the aircraft shall at all time exercise due care to avoid trailing the tow-rope and endangering other aircraft, persons or property.

(10) A pilot conducting banner tow operations shall have on board the aircraft a current copy of such Banner Towing Certificate or equivalent authorization issued by the Authority.

PAGE
INTENTIONALLY
LEFT
BLANK