

Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)

There is a growing concern that SERA poses a grave threat to our sport. There are only two weeks left.

When the SERA becomes law in 2012 then the same rules will exist across Europe.

- 3.1.5 Makes aerotowing illegal unless you have information, advice and/or clearance from the appropriate air traffic services unit.
- 3.1.7 Makes all Rapid Descent Manoeuvres (Spiral dives, B line stall etc.) and all other 'aerobatics' illegal without information, advice and/or clearance from the appropriate air traffic services unit.
- 3.3 Makes IFR flight without the submission of a Flight Plan illegal.
- 3.9 Makes VFR flight in less than 1500metres visibility illegal.
- 4.6 Makes VFR flight at a height less than 150 m (500 ft) above the ground or water illegal. So dynamic soaring becomes illegal. In fact most hang gliding and paragliding becomes illegal.

There are several other rules in there that will impact on the way your members fly.

Hang Gliding and Paragliding are in Annex II. This keeps us safe from the threat of licences, medicals, certification etc.. But if SERA comes in as proposed then nearly every type of flight we want to make will be illegal under European airspace law.

The EHPU has responded both through Europe Airports and directly to Eurocontrol.

You should check the SERA proposals to see how they will affect flying in your country, and then your association should respond directly to Eurocontrol. (In the UK individual pilots are also sending in their own responses to Eurocontrol.)

You can download a copy of each of the four consultation documents at:
www.eurocontrol.int/enprm/public/standard_page/enprm10002.html.

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