

STATES OF JERSEY



STATES OF JERSEY LAW 1966, AS AMENDED: DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS– AIRPORT – REVISED PARACHUTING GUIDELINES

**Presented to the States on 24th August 2004
by the Harbours and Airport Committee**

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REPORT

On 4th August 2004, the Harbours and Airport Committee made an Act delegating certain of its functions in relation to parachuting guidelines.

The terms of the delegation were recorded in an Act of the Committee as follows –

“A3. The Committee, with reference to its Act No. A8 of 8th July 2004, considered revised parachuting guidelines for presentation to the States.

The Committee recalled that it had approved Skydive Jersey Limited as providers of a civilian parachuting and parachute training centre, affiliated to the British Parachute Association (BPA). It was therefore necessary to amend R.C.29/2000 ‘States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended: delegation of functions – air navigation’ to reflect the new conditions relating to civilian parachuting.

The Committee, having approved the new guidelines, directed the Greffier of the States to arrange for the matter to be presented to the States as a *Rapport et Correspondance* at the earliest opportunity.”

COMMITTEE PAPER

PARACHUTING GUIDELINES

This Committee paper replaces the one published as part of “States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended: delegation of functions – air navigation” (R.C.29/2000).

Permission

Parachuting in Jersey may be permitted in accordance with the terms of a written permission granted by the Harbours and Airport Committee or a written permission granted by the Airport Director under Article 49 of the Air Navigation (Jersey) Order 2000, as amended.

Local conditions – civilian parachuting

The Harbours and Airport Committee has issued a written permission to Skydive Jersey Limited for local civilian parachuting and parachute training to be carried out in accordance with the following conditions –

1. The Committee has approved the British Parachute Association as the competent body to oversee civilian parachuting in Jersey and all parachuting activities are to conform to the current Operations Manual of the British Parachute Association; the Association will audit Skydive Jersey Limited on an annual basis and will publish its findings to the Committee.
2. Skydive Jersey Limited shall make available to the Committee its Parachuting Manual which must be in conformity with the British Parachute Association’s Operations Manual (April 1998) and shall contain all such information and instructions as may be necessary to enable employees and students to perform their duties.
3. Parachuting shall only take place into the designated parachute landing area and dropping zones between Woodbine Slip and the Gunsite Slip in St. Aubin’s Bay (in the Parish of St. Peter).
4. Any aircraft used for parachuting must have a valid Certificate of Airworthiness which includes an express provision that it may be used for parachuting.
5. A helicopter may be used for parachuting with the written permission of the Airport Director being obtained beforehand.
6. No aircraft (or helicopter) may be used for parachuting unless it carries valid insurance covering parachuting to a combined single limit third party and passenger legal liability of at least £3,000,000 in any one accident/occurrence.
7. No parachuting shall take place during the hours of darkness except with the express written permission of the Airport Director obtained beforehand.
8. No parachuting shall take place without the permission of the Air Traffic Control supervisor, that permission obtained by telephone at least 30 minutes prior to the departure of the aircraft on the parachuting sortie.
9. All arrangements for airfield access and operational requirements at Jersey Airport shall be as prescribed by the Airport Director.
10. An administrative charge may be levied if the States Police decide that full policing of the drop zone becomes necessary on any occasion.
11. The Committee will make no charge for the provision of regulatory oversight by the British Parachute Association for 2004 but reserves the right to seek a contribution to its audit costs for

2005 and beyond.

Condition

Notwithstanding any permission being granted, the Airport Director may vary the conditions or suspend or cancel the permission if the safety of aircraft or the safety of persons involved is considered to be at risk or if the conditions of the permission above are not strictly adhered to by the organiser or by any participant.

Local conditions – military parachuting

The Airport Director may permit military parachuting provided that all military parachuting shall be carried out in accordance with the appropriate military parachuting procedures after agreement as to the date, time, venue and weather conditions appertaining to that specific military parachuting exercise. These exercises may take place over land or into the sea and by day or by night.

Notwithstanding any permission being granted, the Airport Director may vary the conditions or suspend or cancel the permission if the safety of aircraft or if the safety of persons involved are considered to be at risk or if the weather conditions are not suitable.