

towing aircraft under the law of the country in which that aircraft is registered includes an express provision that it may be used for that purpose.

(2) The length of the combination of towing aircraft, tow rope and glider in flight shall not exceed 500 feet.

(3) The commander of an aircraft which is about to tow a glider shall satisfy himself, before the towing aircraft takes off—

(a) that the tow rope is in good condition and is of adequate strength for the purpose, and that the combination of towing aircraft and glider is capable of flying in the manner referred to in paragraph (g) of Article 26 of this Order;

(b) that signals have been agreed and communication established with persons suitably stationed so as to enable the glider to take off safely;

(c) that emergency signals have been agreed between the commander of the towing aircraft and the commander of the glider, to be used, respectively, by the commander of the towing aircraft to indicate that the tow should immediately be released by the glider, and by the commander of the glider to indicate that the tow cannot be released.

(4) The glider shall be attached to the towing aircraft by means of the tow rope before the aircraft takes off.

*Towing, picking up and raising of persons and articles*

31.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, an aircraft in flight shall not, by means external to the aircraft, tow any article, other than a glider, or pick up or raise any person, animal or article unless the certificate of airworthiness issued or rendered valid in respect of that aircraft under the law of the country in which the aircraft is registered includes an express provision that it may be used for that purpose.

(2) An aircraft in flight shall not tow any article, other than a glider, at night or when flight visibility is less than one mile.

(3) The length of the combination of towing aircraft, tow rope, and article in tow, shall not exceed 500 feet.

(4) A helicopter shall not fly at any height over a congested area of a city, town or settlement at any time when an article, person or animal is suspended from the helicopter.

(5) Nothing in this Article shall—

(a) prohibit the towing in a reasonable manner by an aircraft in flight of any radio aerial, any instrument which is being used for experimental purposes, or any signal, apparatus or article required or permitted by or under this Order to be towed or displayed by an aircraft in flight;

(b) prohibit the picking up or raising of any person, animal or article in an emergency for the purpose of saving life;

(c) apply to any aircraft while it is flying in accordance with the "B Conditions" set forth in the Second Schedule to this Order;

(d) be taken to permit the towing or picking up of a glider otherwise than in accordance with Article 30 of this Order.