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SUBJECT: : Conditions for Helicopter Flights to/from landing sites.

**REFERENCE: : 1. Presidential Decree 19/2009 - Government Gazette 35/A/03-03-2009: "Establishment, construction, equipment, operation and exploitation of heliports
2. AIP GREECE**

Taking into account the above references and in order to avoid compromising flight and public safety, especially during the peak aviation activity of the summer months, strict compliance with the following is required by all helicopter operators.

▪ **OBLIGATIONS & RESTRICTIONS**

1. Permissible Flight Conditions

Only daytime flights are permitted.

Operations are prohibited in:

- Environmentally protected areas (e.g., Natura 2000 sites, National Parks, wetlands),
- Archaeological zones, areas of cultural or aesthetic value.

Mandatory cross-checking of the landing site with the official environmental protection database is done via:

https://www.geogreece.gr/natura_en.php](https://www.geogreece.gr/natura_en.php)

2. Site Suitability and Safety – Safe Distances

A suitability check must be conducted with the following minimum criteria:

- Flat, stable, obstacle-free area with sufficient safety radius.

Maintain minimum safe distances from:

- Residential areas,
- Public roads,
- Private property without owner's consent,
- People, animals, vehicles or infrastructure.

3. Compliance with AIP GREECE

The flight crew must fully adhere to the provisions and restrictions outlined in the AIP GREECE regarding:

- Prohibited (P), Restricted (R), and Dangerous (D) areas,
- Control Zones (CTR), TMAs, FIRs, and military zones,
- Compliance with Air Traffic Control regulations and Air Navigation Rules,
- Other applicable provisions concerning helicopters.

Full review and study of the current AIP is the responsibility of the flight crew prior to any flight.

4. Flight crew Procedural Duties

- Immediate closure of the flight plan upon landing,
- Compliance with authorizations/instructions/information from Air Traffic Control,
- Briefing on relevant NOTAMs and weather conditions prior to the flight,
- Obtaining the property owner's consent when landing on private land.

The helicopter pilot bears full responsibility for the safe flight operation at landing sites. They are solely responsible for assessing the suitability of the landing area and must, while in flight, make the relevant decision based on prevailing conditions.

Failure to comply with the above obligations constitutes a serious violation and entails administrative, criminal, and disciplinary penalties.

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