

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**STATUTORY RULES 1988 No 163**

**ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER  
FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**AIR NAVIGATION ACT 1920**

**Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations  
(Amendment)**

With the establishment of the Civil Aviation Authority under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, responsibility for safety related functions is transferred to the Authority from 1 July 1988. The Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations are administered by the Department of Transport and Communications; not being safety-related, responsibility for these functions remains with the Department.

However, in view of the technical nature of the subject matter to which the regulations relate and the fact that most of the technical staff transferred to the Authority on 1 July 1988,

it is more practical for the Department to have certain noise regulation implementation functions performed on its behalf by the Authority.

**Changes to existing regulations**

The Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations have been amended to empower the Secretary to the Department to appoint an officer of the Authority as an authorised officer for the purposes of these regulations. There are two other minor amendments of a consequential nature arising from the transfer of safety related functions to the Authority.

Detailed notes on the proposed regulations are attached.

The amended regulations are effective from 1 July 1988.

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**ATTACHMENT**

**PROPOSED AIR NAVIGATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)**

**Commencement**

Regulation 1 provides that these regulations commence on 1 July 1988.

**Principal Regulations**

Regulation 2 defines the "Principal Regulations" as the Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations.

**Interpretation**

Regulation 3 amends existing regulation 2 to include a definition of "Authority" to mean the "Civil Aviation Authority."

**Authorized Officer**

Regulation 4 amends existing regulation 4 to include an officer of the Authority as a person who may be appointed as an authorised officer for the purposes of the regulations.

**Aircraft Noise Certificates**

Regulation 5 amends existing regulation 9 (in relation to testing for airworthiness certification) to remove the reference to the Secretary and the Air Navigation Regulations and replace it with a reference to the Authority and the Civil Aviation Regulations. This amendment reflects the transfer of safety related functions from the Department to the Authority and from the former Air Navigation Regulations to the Civil Aviation Regulations.