I, MARK ALAN SKIDMORE, Director of Aviation Safety, on behalf of CASA, make this instrument under regulation 207 of the *Civil Aviation Regulations 1988*.

**[Signed M. Skidmore]**

Mark Skidmore AM
Director of Aviation Safety

13 March 2015

Civil Aviation Order 20.18 Amendment Instrument 2015 (No. 1)

1 Name of instrument

 This instrument is the *Civil Aviation Order 20.18 Amendment Instrument 2015 (No. 1)*.

2 Commencement

 This instrument commences on the day after registration.

3 Amendment of Civil Aviation Order 20.18

 Schedule 1 amends Civil Aviation Order 20.18.

4 Transitional application — helicopter V.F.R. operations at night

 The amendments to Civil Aviation Order 20.18 in Schedule 1 of this instrument do not apply until 1 January 2016.

Schedule 1 Amendments

[1] Paragraph 3.2

after

the V.F.R.

insert

by day

[2] After paragraph 3.2

Insert

 3.2A A helicopter may only be operated under the V.F.R. at night if:

(a) it is equipped with the instruments specified in Appendix VIII; and

(b) it is equipped with any other instruments and indicators specified in the helicopter’s flight manual;

(c) for flights under V.F.R. at night which involve flights over land or water where the helicopter’s attitude cannot be maintained by the use of visual external surface cues as a result of lights on the ground or celestial illumination:

 (i) the helicopter is equipped in accordance with subparagraph 4.2 (d) of this Order; or

 (ii) the helicopter is operated by a qualified 2 pilot crew, each with access to flight controls.

[3] Subparagraph 4.2 (d)

substitute

(d) an approved automatic pilot or automatic stabilisation system.