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I, David Albert ANDERSON, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulations 143 and 144 of the *Civil Aviation Regulations 1988*.

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Permission – carriage and discharge of a firearm

1 Application

This instrument applies to Craig [REDACTED], Aviation Reference Number (ARN) 836093, (the *person*).

2 Permission

The person is permitted to:

- a) carry a firearm in, or have a firearm in their possession in, an aircraft engaged in other than charter or regular public transport operations; and
- b) discharge a firearm while on board the aircraft.

3 Conditions

The permissions are subject to the conditions mentioned in Schedule 1.

4 Expiry

Unless varied, suspended, revoked or cancelled, this permission stops having effect at the earlier of:

- a) the reason for the permission no longer exists
- b) the end of 31 May 2019

Schedule 1 Conditions

- 1 The person must:
 - a) hold an appropriate current Federal, State or Territory licence to possess and use the firearm; and
 - b) ensure that the firearm is physically impossible to accidentally discharge within the aircraft; and
 - c) carry a copy of this permission at all times when conducting activities permitted by this instrument.
- 2 For the permission to discharge a firearm while on board an aircraft, the person must:
 - a) have completed a training course conducted by the aircraft operator in the carriage of firearms in, and discharge of firearms from, an aircraft; and
 - b) retained a copy of the training course and evidence of its completion and hold the course documentation for review by CASA at any time while this instrument is valid; and
 - c) within the previous 2 years:
 - (i) have conducted shooting from an aircraft; or
 - (ii) requalified under the training course conducted by the aircraft operator.
- 3 Only the following types of firearms may be carried by, and be in the possession of, the person on an aircraft:
 - a) shotguns;
 - b) semi-automatic shotguns;
 - c) net guns;
 - d) anaesthetising guns;
 - e) rifles;
 - f) semi-automatic rifles;
 - g) handguns.
- 4 Only the following types of firearms may be discharged by the person while on board the aircraft:
 - a) shotguns;
 - b) semi-automatic shotguns;
 - c) net guns;
 - d) anaesthetising guns;
 - e) rifles;
 - f) semi-automatic rifles.
- 5 The use of semi-automatic firearms is restricted to types where the direction of the ejection of the empty case is below the horizontal and forward of 90 degrees from the direction of fire, so that the empty case is not ejected back into the aircraft.
- 6 The person must not perform any duty as a flight crew member while having a firearm in his possession.
- 7 The person must ensure that the pilot in command of the aircraft does not handle or discharge a firearm at any time during the flight.
- 8 The aiming and firing of the firearm must at all times be in an arc which is well clear of aircraft components such as:
 - (a) for helicopters — main and tail rotors;
 - (b) for fixed wing aircraft — propellers, wings, wing struts and empennage.

- 9 For discharge of a firearm from a helicopter — aiming and firing must at all times be in an arc which is at least 30 degrees below the main rotor disc, and forward of 90 degrees from the direction of flight.
- 10 For discharge of a firearm from a fixed wing aircraft — the aircraft must be a high wing single engine aircraft.
- 11 Before a firearm is discharged in-flight, the person must ensure that the pilot in command of the aircraft has conducted a trial in the aircraft on the ground to ensure that the empty case ejection and noise level will not affect the safe operation of the aircraft.
- 12 The person must ensure that the firearm remains unloaded at all times except when conducting the shooting operation.
- 13 If the firearm is loaded for the conduct of a shooting operation, the person must ensure that the loaded firearm points outside the aircraft and clear of any part of the structure of the aircraft.

Note 1 This permission does not confer on an operator or the person any rights as against the owner of any land over which the operations may be conducted or prejudice in any way the rights and remedies which any person may have in common law in respect of any injury to persons or damage to property caused directly or indirectly by the operator or the person.

Note 2 Nothing in this instrument affects in any way the requirements of a law of a State or Territory relating to the possession and use of a firearm.