



Cessna C208 Caravan

Seaplane exemption comes into force

A NEW exemption – EX09/2003 – was signed on 28 April 2003 to enable seaplane pilots (flying aircraft defined as floatplanes and floating hull aircraft) not to comply with paragraphs 166 (1) (d) (f) and (g) of CAR 1988 in certain circumstances.

The exemption replaces EX03/2003 and allows seaplane pilots:

- To turn in either direction and at a height lower than 500ft, after taking off from water.
- Before landing on water, to turn in either direction onto final and commence the final approach to land, closer than 500m from the edge of the landing area.

Seaplane pilots are only allowed to do this to avoid obstacles, to avoid undue noise over a populous area or to enable the seaplane to make a water landing in the event of engine failure. Any action must not affect the safety of air navigation.