

L.N. 83 of 2025

**Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (Amendment)
Order 2025**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 2A of the Civil Aviation Ordinance (Cap. 448))

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 18 July 2025.

2. Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 amended

The Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (Cap. 448 sub. leg. C) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Part IXA added

After Part IX—

Add

“Part IXA

Trials of Unconventional Aircraft

82A. Interpretation of Part IXA

In this Part—

unconventional aircraft means an aircraft falling within a class or description specified under Article 82C(2) of this Order.

82B. Permissions for trials of unconventional aircraft

- (1) Despite any other Article of this Order, the Chief Executive may on written application permit one or more persons to conduct a trial of an unconventional aircraft in Hong Kong.
- (2) To avoid doubt, where a trial of an unconventional aircraft consists of more than one flight over Hong Kong, a permission given for the trial under paragraph (1) of this Article has effect in relation to all such flights.
- (3) For giving a permission under paragraph (1) of this Article, the Chief Executive—
 - (a) may, for the purposes of paragraph (4) of this Article and subject to paragraph (6) of this Article, in the permission—
 - (i) specify the aircraft for which the permission is given (*permitted aircraft*); and
 - (ii) specify one or more Articles of this Order for the permitted aircraft; and
 - (b) may, for the purposes of paragraph (5) of this Article and subject to paragraph (6) of this Article, in the permission—
 - (i) specify a person to whom the permission is given (*permitted person*); and
 - (ii) specify one or more Articles of this Order for the permitted person.
- (4) An Article of this Order that is specified for a permitted aircraft under paragraph (3)(a)(ii) of this Article does not apply to the permitted aircraft.

- (5) An Article of this Order that is specified for a permitted person under paragraph (3)(b)(ii) of this Article does not apply to the permitted person.
- (6) Neither Article 84 nor Article 96 of this Order may be specified under paragraph (3)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii) of this Article.
- (7) The Chief Executive may specify in the permission any condition to which the permission is subject.

82C. Practical guidance in respect of trials of unconventional aircraft

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, the Chief Executive must from time to time issue an instrument that the Chief Executive considers suitable for providing practical guidance in respect of this Part.
- (2) The instrument must specify a class or description of aircraft for the purposes of this Part.
- (3) A class or description of aircraft may be specified under paragraph (2) of this Article if the Chief Executive is satisfied that the class or description of aircraft is unconventional.

82D. Article 95 not limited

Article 82B of this Order does not limit the exercise of a power under Article 95 of this Order in respect of an aircraft except in so far as it relates to the conduct of a trial of the aircraft in Hong Kong as an unconventional aircraft.”.

Carmen KONG
Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

20 May 2025

Explanatory Note

The main purpose of this Order is to amend the Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (Cap. 448 sub. leg. C) to empower the Chief Executive to give permissions for enabling the trials of unconventional aircraft in Hong Kong.