

CHAPTER 26 EQUIPMENT

Division 26.1 General

26.01 Purpose

- (1) For subregulation 91.810 (1), this Chapter prescribes requirements relating to:
 - (a) the fitment and non-fitment of equipment to an aircraft; and
 - (b) the carrying of equipment on an aircraft; and
 - (c) equipment that is fitted to, or carried on, an aircraft.

Note Requirements in relation to equipment may also be in relation to inoperative equipment.
- (2) For subregulation 91.810 (1), unless the contrary intention appears in or for a particular provision, the pilot in command of an aircraft is subject to each of the requirements set out in the provisions of this Chapter.
- (3) In this Chapter, unless the contrary intention appears in or for a particular provision:
 - (a) a reference to a pilot seeing or viewing anything from a pilot's seat is taken to mean that the thing is seen or viewed from the pilot's normal sitting position in the seat; and
 - (b) any mention of feet (or ft) in the context of an altitude is taken to mean feet above mean sea level (AMSL), unless otherwise stated.

Division 26.2 Approvals, visibility and inoperative equipment

26.02 Approval of aircraft equipment

- (1) In this section:

relevant aircraft means any of the following:

 - (a) a light sport aircraft for which a special certificate of airworthiness has been issued and is in force under regulation 21.186 of CASR;
 - (b) a light sport aircraft for which an experimental certificate has been issued and is in force under paragraph 21.191 (j) or (k) of CASR;
 - (c) any other aircraft for which an experimental certificate has been issued and is in force under paragraph 21.191 (g) or (h) of CASR.
- (2) Before an Australian aircraft begins a flight, any equipment that is required to be fitted to, or carried on, the aircraft under this Chapter (other than equipment required under Division 26.16) must be compliant with the requirements of, or approved under, Part 21 of CASR.

Note Division 26.16 contains requirements for mandatory or optional carriage of surveillance equipment, most of which requires TSO or ETSO authorisation. However, the Division also contains a conditional alleviation. For the relevant equipment, a requirement for Part 21 approval would inappropriately negate this conditional alleviation.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to the following:
 - (a) an item of equipment used to display the time;
 - (b) an independent portable light, for example, a flashlight or torch;
 - (c) a headset;
 - (d) a sea anchor and other equipment for mooring;
 - (e) survival equipment, including signalling equipment.
- (4) Subsection (2) does not apply to a relevant aircraft in respect of any required radiocommunication system if the aircraft is fitted with a radiocommunication system