

PLB new regulations

If you're thinking of nipping over to the Netherlands then there's some welcome news (courtesy of Barry Light of the Broken Wings Flying Group). He writes:

"You will remember that the Netherlands required carriage of an ELT in microlights and the AIC specifically stated that a PLB was not an acceptable alternative.

The good news is that the local regulation has today been dropped and replaced by the EU regulation, which accepts the carriage of a PLB as means of compliance, as long as it is registered to the aircraft.

http://www.ais-netherlands.nl/aim/2017-05-11-AIRAC/eAIP/html/eAIC/EH-eAIC-2017-01-B_en-en-GB.html

The EASA rule is:

NCO.IDE.A.170 Emergency locator transmitter (ELT)

(a) Aeroplanes shall be equipped with:

(1) an ELT of any type, when first issued with an individual CofA on or before 1 July 2008;

(2) an automatic ELT, when first issued with an individual CofA after 1 July 2008; or

(3) a survival ELT (ELT(S)) or a personal locator beacon (PLB), carried by a crew member or a passenger, when certified for a maximum passenger seating configuration of six or less.

(b) ELTs of any type and PLBs shall be capable of transmitting simultaneously on 121,5 MHz and 406 MHz."