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MEMORANDUM FOR PR/CC

FROM: CAP-USAF/DO & CAP/DO

SUBJECT: Overwater Operations Waiver

1. We have carefully reviewed your request for a waiver of extended overwater operational requirements in CAPR 70-1. We are approving the following actions:

a. Until incorporated into CAPR 70-1 or otherwise superseded, you are authorized to conduct extended overwater relocation and transportation sorties in visual meteorological conditions (VMC) with only one current and qualified instrument rated pilot. This pilot must also be water survival qualified as noted in Ops Quals. A second pilot is not required. We expect the above referenced changes to be incorporated into the next revision to CAPR 70-1.

b. Through 28 February 2019, any extended overwater relocation and transportation sorties may be flown in Day VMC with a single VFR pilot that is not instrument qualified, but any other sortie types must be flown with a second right seat VFR pilot that does not need to be qualified in the aircraft. Pilots and other crew members must also be water survival qualified as noted in Ops Quals.

c. Through 28 February 2019, extended overwater sortie types other than relocation and transportation may be flown in Night VMC with one current and qualified instrument rated pilot, and a second instrument rated pilot that does not need to be current nor qualified in the aircraft. Pilots and other crew members must also be water survival qualified as noted in Ops Quals.

d. When operating under any of the above approved actions, crews completing the Operational Risk Management (ORM) Risk Assessment (RA) factor "Overwater Flight" will still mark it appropriately (e.g., beyond gliding distance with or without rescue forces on standby OR beyond 50 nm of shore). In addition, the following answers shall be entered to the open-ended ORM RA questions:

What are the risks you will face on this mission? "Extended overwater flight without two instrument qualified and current mission pilots."

What are you doing to mitigate these risks? "Risk mitigation in accordance with CAP NHQ granted waiver to CAPR 70-1 9.10.8.2."

e. All sorties being flown in instrument meteorological conditions will still be flown IAW all relevant paragraphs of CAPR 70-1.

2. We understand that it will take time and assistance to develop, coordinate and implement plans for your wing to meet the requirements of CAPR 70-1. Please understand that we want to assist in any way we reasonably can including funding of critical training (utilizing CAP resources, or otherwise) to get your personnel qualified to meet mission requirements. Just because something has not been funded previously does not mean that we won't consider things like funding personnel to earn their instrument rating or becoming Certified Flight Instructor – Instrument (CFII), but will want to reasonably protect the CAP and USAF investment as well. We want to also be clear though that you shouldn't plan on any actions other than those in paragraph 1a being extended beyond 28 February 2019 for Puerto Rico Wing. Your wing needs to develop a plan to be sure that you will not only have enough instrument rated pilots and crew members with water survival training, but also allow you to maintain them long term. We expect this plan to be coordinated with both your CAP Region and CAP-USAF Liaison Region by 15 March 2018, and to our offices for approval prior to implementation by 30 March 2018. At a minimum this plan will include:


a. Objectives. We expect each objective to be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-limited.


b. Budget. Tell us how much funding you will need in total, and month by month to achieve your objectives. We strongly encourage you to work to complete your plan within FY18.

c. Milestone Dates. Please establish dates that we can all watch and determine if your wing is on track for successful completion.

d. Primary Staff Officer. Provide the name and CAPID of the staff officer responsible for implementing this plan.

3. Should you have any questions, you can reach out to our offices anytime. We will both be attending the Winter Command Council in a few weeks, and would be glad to review any draft plans you have at that time in person with the region and liaison region staff.


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