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In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 42 of the Goa Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1982 (Act No. 10 of 1982) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

CHAPTER-I

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the GOA Aero Sports Rules, 2025.

(2) These rules shall come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Definitions.*— (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Act” means the Goa Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1982 (Act No. 10 of 1982);

(b) “Aero Sports” means recreational or aero activities that involve flying or movement through the air using specialized equipment or aircraft;

(c) “Aircraft” means any machine which can derive support in the atmosphere from reactions of the air other than reactions of the air against the earth's surface and includes balloons whether fixed or free, airships, kites, gliders and flying machines;

(d) “Certificate of Registration” means an official document issued by the Department of Tourism that authorizes an individual or entity to operate Aero Sports activities in accordance with applicable rules and regulations;

(e) “Competent authority” means Director, Department of Tourism;

(f) “Crew member” means any individual who is directly involved in the conduct, control or supervision of an aero sports operation, including tandem pilots and other operational personnel;

(g) “Malpractice” includes any act of negligence, unethical behaviour, financial fraud, or improper conduct by an individual or organization involved in Aero Sports activities that may compromise safety, legality, public trust, or professional standards.

(h) “Nodal agency” means Department of Tourism, Government of Goa;

(i) “Operation” means an aero sport trip that is to be undertaken or has been undertaken under these Rules;

(j) “Operator” means an Aero Sports Operator registered under the Act who is authorized to conduct, offer or facilitate Aero Sports activities on a commercial basis, including for the purposes of training, recreation, or competitive sport;

(k) “Paraglider” is an aircraft or glider that forms its aerofoil shape solely through RAM air pressure between two layers of fabric, without any solid structural reinforcement;

(l) “Paramotor” is a paraglider or a dedicated paramotor wing with reflex foil design, powered typically by an engine up to 350cc. However, if the paramotor is equipped with torque-cancelling technology, then engines in the range of 350cc to 1000cc may also be used. Paramotors may be launched either on foot or using a trike/quad.

(m) “Participant” means any individual who engages in, takes part in, or is subject to an aero sports operation, whether as a solo flyer, tandem passenger, student trainee, or recreational user.

(n) “Site” means location approved by the Technical Committee for the conduct of Aero Sport activities;

(o) “Solo Pilot” means an individual who is authorized to independently operate a paraglider, having successfully completed a certified paragliding course as mentioned in clauses (a) to (f) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9;

(p) “Tandem” means Aero Sport activity involving 2 people (one pilot and one passenger) on 1 aircraft;

(q) “Tandem pilot” means a person holding a Certificate of Registration and Licence under these Rules for the safe operation of Aero Sports;

(r) “Technical Committee” means committee constituted by State Government under rule 8;

(s) “Tourist place” means a tourist place as define under clause (d) Section 2 of the Goa Tourist Places (Protection and Maintenance) Act, 2001 (Goa Act 56 of 2001);

(t) “Valid Licence/Certificate” means a licence issued by a recognized Institute approved by Government of India/Government of Goa.

(2) Words and expressions used in these rules and not defined herein but defined in the Act, shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in the Act.

CHAPTER-II

Registration, Qualification and Duties

3. *Registration for Operator.*— (1) Operators intending to conduct Aero Sports Operations during the upcoming season shall submit their applications to the Competent authority, as per the Qualification/documents prescribed under rule 4 and clause (a) of rule 21 between 1st day of June and 15th

day of July each year or on such other date as notified by Department. The Officer/Officials appointed by the Competent authority, under the supervision of the prescribed authority, shall initially scrutinize these applications. The applications will then be presented before the Technical Committee constituted under rule 8, which shall meet before 31st day of July each year to fix the date, time, and venue for the inspection of documents, equipment, and for conducting practical tests (including both viva voce and flying) of Tandem Pilots and submit their inspection report/recommendation on or before 15th day of September every year or any such other date as notified by Department.

(2) Upon receiving approval from the Technical Committee, an Operator intending to conduct Aero Sports Activities shall remit the prescribed fee in accordance with rule 19 upon which the Prescribed Authority shall issue a Certificate of Registration.

(3) Registration of aero sports activities in the middle of the designated season (October to May) is prohibited for operators and shall follow the procedure as laid down in sub-rule (1) and (2).

(4) A solo pilot who owns and flies with their own or hired aero sports equipment, or operates under a registered operator, must register with the Department and obtain prior Certificate of Registration/Permission in accordance with rule 7.

(5) The operator(s) must maintain a local office in Goa, which must be registered with the Nodal Agency. Any existing office established prior to registration must also be registered with the Nodal Agency.

4. *Qualifications of Operator.*— (1) For registration of the Operator should have following qualifications:—

a. The applicant should be an Indian citizen;

b. The applicant shall possess a minimum educational qualification of 10th Class Pass or any other equivalent/relevant qualification as may be recognized in relation to aero sports activities.

c. Proficiency in any one of the following languages is required: English, Hindi, Konkani, or Marathi;

d. He should have attained 18 years of age;

e. He should have advanced practical/technical knowledge of aero sport which may be tested through a test as may be determined by the Technical Committee.

(2) Aero sports operations shall be conducted exclusively by operator registered in accordance with sub-rule (5) of rule 3.

5. *Registration for Tandem Pilot.*— (1) Any person intending to participate in aero sports activities as a Tandem Pilot must obtain the necessary permission from the Department of Tourism prior to engaging in such activities;

(2) An application for registration shall be submitted to the Competent authority, along with proof of the requisite qualifications and documents as specified under rule 6 and clause (b) of rule 21. Upon verification and recommendation by the Technical Committee, and after payment of the prescribed fee as mentioned under rule 19, the Prescribed Authority shall issue a Certificate of Registration.

6. *Qualifications of Tandem Pilot.*— For registration of the Tandem Pilot the applicant should have following qualifications:—

(a) The applicant should be an Indian citizen.

(b) The applicant should be minimum 12th class pass.

(c) The applicant should have attained 21 years of age.

(d) Proficiency in any one of the following languages is required: English, Hindi, Konkani, or Marathi;

(e) The Pilots must have minimum P4 level training as a Solo Pilot and achieved 100 hours of Solo Flying and minimum 35 km xc flight. Also 50 non-commercial flights as sports tandem pilot before converting to commercial flying.

(f) The applicant should be CPR/First Aid certified.

(g) The Tandem Pilot shall have successfully completed an SIV (Simulation in Flight Paragliding Safety Course) prior to applying for the Tandem Certificate.

(h) The applicant should have advanced practical/technical knowledge of the sport which may be tested through a test as may be determined by the Technical Committee.

(i) The applicant shall be medically fit and shall undergo a medical check-up annually at any of the following:—

- Goa Medical College & Hospital (GMC), Bambolim
- District Hospital, Goa
- Sub-District Hospital, Goa
- Community Health Centres (CHC)
- Primary Health Centres (PHC)
- Urban Health Centres (UHC)

(j) The applicant must possess a valid medical certificate and hold insurance coverage as laid down in sub-rule (II) of rule 10.

(k) The Technical Committee shall have right to qualify pilots based on their licenses, provided such licenses serve as valid certification. Only licenses recognized under clause (a) to (f) of sub-rule (2) of rule 9 shall be accepted as valid.

(l) The applicant who is already working in this field as tandem pilot with technical qualification and not having required educational qualifications as laid down in clause (b), the condition of educational qualification will not be mandatory for them however, he should be certified by any recognized National Level Institution or as mentioned in the under clause (a) to (f) of sub-rule (2) of rule 9 and he will have to appear before the Technical Committee to get a valid registration.

7. Registration and Qualifications for Solo Pilot.— (1) Any person intending to participate in aero sports activities as a Solo Pilot, shall obtain prior permission from the Department of Tourism before engaging in such activities;

(2) The applicant shall apply to the Department of Tourism for obtaining the necessary permission. The application must be accompanied by proof of the requisite qualifications as specified under sub-rule (3) of rule 7 and clause (c) of rule 21. Upon verification of the documents and recommendation by the Technical Committee, and upon payment of the prescribed fee as provided under rule 19, the Prescribed Authority shall issue a Certificate of Registration.

(3) Solo Pilot must have following Qualifications:—

(a) The applicant must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) He must possess a minimum P3 level training as a Solo Pilot issued by the institute registered with Government of India/Government of Goa/Aero Club of India (ACI)- National Airports Control (NAC) or its appointed Commission and achieved 100 hours of Solo Flying.

(c) Must possess a valid medical fitness certificate as specified in clause (h) of rule 6.

(d) The Technical Committee shall have right to qualify pilots based on their valid certification. Only certificate recognized under clause (a) to (f) of sub-rule (2) of rule 9 shall be accepted as valid.

8. *Constitution of Technical Committee.*— (1) The Government shall by notification constitute a Technical Committee having jurisdiction over the whole of the State of Goa consisting of the following members, namely:—

North Goa

1	Director, Department of Tourism	...	Chairman
2	Dy. Director of Tourism (North)	...	Vice Chairman
3	Assistant Director (North)	...	Member Secretary
4	Representative of District Collector	...	Member
5	Representative of SP North Goa	...	Member
6	Representative of Department of Civil Aviation	...	Member
7	Chief Medical Officer or his representative of concerned District	...	Member
8	Representative of NIMAS/ ABVIMAS	...	Member
9	Representative of Aero Club of India (ACI)- National Airports Control (NAC) or its appointed Commission	...	Member
10	Assistant Tourist Office (North)	...	Member

South Goa

1	Director, Department of Tourism	...	Chairman
2	Dy. Director of Tourism (South)	...	Vice Chairman
3	Assistant Director (South)	...	Member Secretary
4	Representative of District Collector	...	Member
5	Representative of SP South Goa	...	Member
6	Representative of Department of Civil Aviation	...	Member
7	Chief Medical Officer or his representative of concerned District	...	Member
8	Representative of NIMAS/ ABVIMAS	...	Member
9	Representative of Aero Club of India (ACI)- National Airports Control (NAC) or its appointed Commission	...	Member
10	Assistant Tourist Office (South)	...	Member

(2) For any meeting or inspection of the Technical Committee to be valid, the presence of at least 50% of the members shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman may be delegated the authority to convene and preside over meetings. In the event the Vice Chairman is unable to conduct an inspection, he may authorize the Assistant Director to carry out the inspection on his behalf, while remaining responsible for convening meetings of the Technical Committee. The Committee may, as deemed necessary, appoint or invite any individual, agency, organization, or association possessing specialized knowledge or professional expertise in aero sports to participate in its deliberations as a “Special Invitee”, for the purpose of providing technical inputs, expert opinions, or suggestions on matters under consideration.

1. *Key Functions and Responsibilities of the Technical Committee.*— (1) The Technical Committee shall meet as laid down in rule 3.

(2) To inspect and certify aero sports equipment manufactured and homologated by an internationally recognized certification authority in coordination with the operator, from a safety and airworthiness perspective. Recognized Certification Authorities may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI)

(b) European Committee for Standardization (CEN)

(c) Swiss Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (SHV)

(d) Deutscher Hängegleiterverbande.V. (DHV)

(e) French Association for Standardization (AFNOR)

(f) Relevant Indian certification bodies, such as the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) or an authority/association such as Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)/Bureau of Civil Aviation Security/Aero Club of India (ACI)- National Airports Control (NAC) or its appointed Commission.

(3) Ensure that every aircraft used in aero sports must be accompanied by a valid bill of import. In the case of second-hand aircraft, a certificate of airworthiness issued by the original manufacturer shall be required and must not be older than six months from the date of Import. A Certificate of Testing shall be obtained from the Aero Club of India (ACI) – National Airports Control (NAC) or from any Commission duly appointed by ACI.

(4) Ensure that in the case of a paramotor, the engine (motor) must be sourced from a manufacturer or supplier recognized by Indian certification bodies, such as the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) or any other authority of Government of India/Government of Goa. The motor must comply with applicable safety, airworthiness, and emission standards, and supported by valid certification or approval documents as mandated by the relevant authority.

(5) Verify that every paraglider and paramotor possesses a valid fitness and test certificate, issued in the same year or prior to the commencement of the activity, covering porosity, line strength, and airworthiness, from the Aero Club of India (ACI)– National Airports Control (NAC) or its appointed Commission, or any other authority/agency appointed by the Nodal Agency.

(6) To scrutinize the bio-data of the Operators/Tandem Pilots to conduct their tests (viva voce and flying) in order to ascertain their expertise for registration as Operator/Tandem Pilot and for the issuance of commercial licence to the Operator/Tandem Pilot. The Technical Committee shall see and examine the following:—

(i) The Operator must ensure valid insurance coverage for paragliding pilots, as well as third-party liability insurance, in accordance with sub-rule (11) of rule 10;

(ii) Comprehensive airworthiness checks shall be carried out on all aero sports equipment prior to operational use and at regular intervals, as mandated by applicable regulations. These checks shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) **Paragliders**— including porosity testing of the canopy, line length and stretch assessment, fabric integrity checks, riser inspection, and wear-and-tear analysis in accordance with manufacturer specifications and international standards (e.g., DHV, EN, or SHV);

(b) **Other Aircraft**— such as paramotors, which shall undergo structural, engine, and control system inspections as per manufacturer-prescribed maintenance schedules;

(c) **Harnesses (Pilot and Passenger)**— including inspection of stitching, buckles, carabiners, back protection (e.g., foam or airbag), and secure fitting for safe attachment to the glider or wing;

(d) **Reserve Parachutes**— verified for repack date compliance, deployment system functionality, and canopy condition, with repacking intervals not exceeding the manufacturer's or certifying authority's recommended period (typically 6 months);

(e) **Other Ancillary Equipment**— such as helmets, closed shoes, radios, variometers, GPS devices, life vests (for over-water flights), and emergency locator beacons, all of which must meet relevant international or national standards (e.g., EN, BIS, or CE certification);

(f) **Safety Compliance Measures**— as required under rules 11, 12, 13, and 14 including but not limited to Operator safety protocols and standard operating procedures (SOPs);

- First aid and rescue equipment availability;
- Periodic safety drills and personnel training;
- On-ground and in-flight emergency preparedness.

(iii) All inspections shall be documented in a maintenance and airworthiness log, duly signed by the responsible certified technician or operator, and made available for audit by the competent authority.

(7) Certification of all other aero sports equipment shall be verified at the time of inspection.

(8) Flying knowledge, safety and rescue skills and first aid knowledge etc. of aero sports from each commercial Tandem Pilot as per the minimum qualification criteria fixed for each application (Digital/Physical log book submission required).

(9) Indemnity bond for releasing State Government from any cost incurred on rescue/medical expenses etc. in case of emergency accident etc. that the State Government shall also not be liable to pay any compensation to the Operator, Tandem Pilot, Solo Pilot or the Participant in case of their death, serious, minor injuries etc.

(10) Verify the logbook of operations (Annexure-C) and office of the Operator.

(11) To ensure that the Operators/Tandem Pilots follow all safety procedures.

(12) No operator shall be permitted to undertake Aero Sports activities unless they have trained and qualified Tandem Pilots with the experience specified in these rules, and have obtained a Certificate of Registration from the Department of Tourism.

(13) Technical Committee shall assess the carrying capacity of each flying sites. In addition to this, the committee shall also identify new sites and areas for Aero Sports in the State apart from those already approved.

(14) The right to alter or cancel the operation in any site depending on the prevailing conditions shall vest with the Technical Committee.

(15) The Technical Committee shall have overall control over the regulation of operations within the area.

(16) The Technical Committee, Prescribed Authority, or any official/officer authorized by the Competent authority may conduct surprise inspections during operations, to ensure proper implementation of these rules.

(17) The Technical Committee may recommend to the prescribed authority the alteration or cancellation of Aero Sports operations at any site, depending on the prevailing conditions.

(18) The Competent authority may entrust the Technical Committee with any other function related to Aero Sports operations.

2. *Duties of the Operator:* (1) Identify the exact boundaries, including designated take-off and landing sites, where operations can be conducted safely. These boundaries and sites must be formally approved by the nodal agency prior to commencement of activities.

(2) The Operator shall report any incident or accident immediately to the Department of Tourism and the local police authorities.

(3) All aero sports activities shall conclude before sunset or by 1800 hours, whichever is earlier. All flights shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC).

(4) The Operator must ensure that no aero sports activity is carried out during bad or adverse weather conditions under any circumstances.

(5) Trainee Pilots shall not be allowed to operate alone during the training period.

(6) Before commencing aero sports operations for the season, the Operator shall inform the concerned Police Station and the nodal agency. The intimation must include details such as the expected duration and timings of the operations, the nature of activities to be conducted, and the display of applicable rates.

(7) The Operator shall maintain cleanliness at all sites. If any Operator or participant is found violating environmental guidelines, their permission shall be subject to suspension.

(8) The Operator must prominently display a laminated copy of the licence/permit and safety guidelines at the aero sports activity site for public awareness. These documents must be produced upon request by any authorized authority.

(9) Operators shall allow the authorized officers from the nodal agency or District Administration to inspect the flying site and associated camp areas used for activities at any time.

(10) Operator shall display the capacity of all aircrafts in use at the flying site and make them visible to the users along with a warning that **“To carry more persons than the capacity will be dangerous”**.

(11) All such insurance policies shall be obtained from an insurer duly licensed by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and must remain valid throughout the entire registration period. As detailed below, proof of active and valid coverage shall be provided to the Competent Authority whenever required.

(a) A minimum insurance coverage of not less than ₹ 5.00 lakhs shall be maintained to insure all aero sports equipment proposed to be used in the operations.

(b) The Operator shall ensure that personal accident insurance coverage of not less than ₹ 15.00 lakhs per individual is always maintained. This requirement shall apply to both the pilot and each passenger participating in the aero sports activities. Such insurance shall mandatorily include, in addition to coverage for accidental death, compensation for the following contingencies:

(i) **Permanent Total Disability (PTD):** Full compensation equivalent to the sum insured (₹ 15.00 lakhs) in the event of complete and irreversible loss of physical or mental capacity, as defined under IRDAI-approved policy terms.

(ii) **Permanent Partial Disability (PPD):** Proportional compensation based on the percentage of functional impairment or loss of earning capacity, as assessed in accordance with the disability schedule prescribed under the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923, or as otherwise approved by IRDAI guidelines.

(iii) **Temporary Total Disability (if bundled or add-on):** Weekly compensation for temporary loss of income due to injuries resulting in inability to engage in any work activity for a defined recovery period, subject to policy limits and terms.

(iv) **Medical Expenses Cover (if bundled or add-on):** Optional but recommended coverage for hospitalization, emergency medical care, or evacuation expenses arising directly from an accident during authorized aero sports activities.

(c) The Operator shall also maintain valid third-party liability insurance to cover any potential claims arising from injury to persons or damage to movable or immovable property. The coverage amount shall not be less than ₹15.00 lakhs per unit/person.

(12) All operators engaged in aero sports shall be mandatorily registered with the Aero Club of India (ACI) – National Airports Control (NAC or its appointed Commission, prior to obtaining a Certificate of Registration from the Nodal Agency.

(13) Equipment decommissioned, damaged beyond repair, shall be replaced immediately.

(14) Aero Sport activities shall be conducted in coordination with DGCA/AAI/Air Traffic Control (ATC) responsible for the provision of air traffic services in their specific respective airspace, as it might interfere with other manned and unmanned aircraft operations, commercial flights.

(15) All aero sport activities shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the applicable regulations and guidelines issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)/Ministry of Civil Aviation/Directorate of Civil Aviation, Government of Goa and shall adhere to operational protocols as prescribed by the Air Traffic Control (ATC) and the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Compliance with local airspace restrictions, flight safety norms, and coordination procedures with relevant aviation authorities shall always be mandatory.

(16) All equipment and gear intended for aero sports operations must be procured from either Government-registered institutions in India or from Internationally reputed manufacturers that possess valid certification from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)/ACI-NAC or its appointed Commission or other recognized global aviation safety authorities. Each item must bear a unique identification number (UIN) for traceability and inventory control. Additionally, such equipment shall comply with applicable safety and performance standards specific to aero sports disciplines and periodic inspection, maintenance, and airworthiness certification logs must be maintained and presented to the Competent Authority upon request.

(17) The Operator shall ensure that the Tandem Pilots are made to wear a dress as approved by technical committee with Licence Number being displayed prominently.

(18) The aero sports operator shall ensure that all his equipment's and gears are serviced regularly and as per the maintenance schedule provided by the manufacturer.

(19) Operator shall carry out repairs promptly as and when required and should ensure that equipment and gears which are unfit for use are taken out of operation.

(20) Operator shall insure his equipment and gears in accordance with sub-rule (11) of rule 10;

(21) The aero sports operator shall maintain a log book containing details of daily usage, maintenance, repairs and modifications of the equipment and gears as per Annexure-C;

(22) The aero sports operator shall ensure that all such equipment's and gears which are subject to wear and tear and must be checked before every use. The storage of equipment's and gear must be proper and should not cause inconvenience to others including the persons visiting the tourist areas and tourist places.

The equipment's and gears must be routinely inspected and unserviceable equipment should be discarded immediately.

(23) The aero sports operator shall provide all lifesaving equipment's, as prescribed by Committee wherever applicable.

(24) The aero sports operator shall engage only trained crew members who possess a valid certificate as specified under clause (a) to (f) of sub-rule (2) of rule 9. Furthermore, the crew must be trained in (a) the manning and operation of equipment/gears; (b) life-saving techniques; and (c) First Aid.

(25) Operator should printed brochure and sign boards in Hindi, English, Konkani and Marathi clearly describing the following:—

- (a) Present activity & Description of the activity.
- (b) Area of specialization.
- (c) Area of operation.
- (d) Time of operation.
- (e) Age limit, weight limit and capping of passengers.
- (f) Safety instructions.
- (g) Weather, Medical and dress restrictions.

(26) The Aero Sport Operator shall prominently display the maximum capacity of each equipment/gear and shall ensure that no passenger is carried or allowed beyond the stipulated capacity.

(27) The aero sport operator shall operate aero sports activity in the specified/earmarked area as stipulated by the ATC only and the operator shall submit such certification at the time of registration.

(28) The Aero Sport Operator shall ensure that the Registration Certificate and all other requisite documents issued by the Nodal Agency are always kept on board, and shall produce the same on demand before the officials of the Nodal Agency or any other authority duly appointed by the Government for this purpose.

(29) The aero sport operator shall perform aero sports activities only during the permitted season and timings.

(30) The aero sports operator shall ensure that a qualified and registered medical doctor is always available on call, located within a 10 kilometre radius of the operational site. The doctor's name, address, and contact number must be prominently displayed on-site at the operations board or control area, ensuring immediate accessibility in case of any medical emergency.

(31) The aero sports operator shall ensure that all participants complete and submit a duly signed Undertaking (Annexure-A) and a valid Fitness Certificate (Annexure-D) prior to engaging in any aero sports activity. Participation shall be strictly prohibited for individuals suffering from any of the following medical conditions, due to potential safety and health risks:

- (a) Cardiac (heart) conditions
- (b) Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- (c) Neurological disorders
- (d) Cervical or lumbar spondylitis
- (e) Chronic or acute back problems

- (f) Recent fractures, surgeries, or hospitalizations
- (g) Epilepsy or seizure disorders
- (h) Osteoporosis or other bone-related fragilities
- (i) Pregnancy

The operator shall verify the authenticity of the submitted documents and retain them for official records. Any deviation from these requirements may result in immediate disqualification from participation.

(32) The aero sports operators shall apply to DGCA/AAI/ATC for establishing 'segregated airspaces' and shall produce a certificate to this effect at the time of the registration.

(33) Aero sports operators shall strictly refrain from conducting any operations in or over sensitive and restricted areas, including but not limited to airports, airstrips, military and cantonment zones, defence installations, border areas, government-protected sites, strategic infrastructure, and other locations designated as "No-Fly Zones" by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Ministry of Defence, or other competent authorities. Operations within a specified distance from airports or air traffic zones must comply with DGCA's airspace classification and require prior clearance from the relevant Air Traffic Control (ATC) authority. The operator shall be solely responsible for obtaining necessary permissions and ensuring full compliance with applicable laws related to national security, public safety, and aviation regulations. Any violation of these provisions may lead to suspension or cancellation of the operator's license or registration, as laid down in rule 16;

(34) The aero sports operator shall ensure the mandatory presence of a Launch Master at the designated take-off site and a Landing Safety Officer at the designated landing zone during all operational hours. The Launch Master shall be responsible for pre-flight checks, verifying wind and weather conditions, coordinating safe departures, and ensuring that all safety protocols are followed prior to take-off.

The Landing Safety Officer shall oversee the approach and landing phase, assist in safe ground recovery, manage crowd control if applicable, and respond to any emergency situation at the landing site. Both personnel must be adequately trained, certified, and clearly identifiable during operations.

CHAPTER-III

SAFETY MEASURES

3. *Equipment's required for carrying out operation.*— Each Operator shall have to arrange for the following equipment before he is permitted to carry out the operation. At the time of inspection, the Technical Committee shall check each equipment and get the same stamped through the Department of Tourism, namely:—

- (1) Inspect gear before and after each use.
- (2) Look for wear and tear in harnesses, lines, canopies, helmets, etc.
- (3) Flying equipment (Paraglider/Aircraft) of an Internationally Homologated design. Use a reserve parachute for Paraglider.
- (4) Gloves Ankle shoes, First Aid Box (Annexure-E) and Repair kit
- (5) Safety Parachute, Helmet, goggles, closed shoes, Ladder, 50-meter Nylon rope of 8mm diameter, Carabineers - two for each glider,

(6) Two-way radio communication equipment, instrument pane (Altimeter, Variometer, Compass, Air Speed Indicator, GPS if applicable.)

(7) Ground Support and retrieval vehicle centrally located for each location;

(8) Insurance for all equipment, Self/Crew/Passengers/other persons participating in aero sports in accordance with sub-rule (11) of rule 10;

(9) Ensure equipment is regularly serviced according to manufacturer guidelines and as per the directives of Technical Committee;

(10) The operator should also ensure that a logbook of equipment and their maintenance is kept at all the times, which will contain details of all flying activity, repairs, and modifications (If there are any serious modifications, they will be required to undergo appropriate amount of testing hours again, these hours to be stipulated and the same); and declared along with modification entry.

(11) That the recommended service interval/maintenance schedule of all major parts to be carried out as per their schedule.

(12) All aero sports sites must implement adequate fire safety measures. This includes maintaining fire extinguishers at key operational areas such as take-off zones, landing zones, fuel storage areas, and equipment storage facilities. Personnel must be trained in basic fire response procedures, and emergency contact information must be clearly displayed. Open flames or smoking shall be strictly prohibited near flammable materials.

4. *Medical facilities and other facilities to be available during operation.*— (1) Qualified Medical Personnel: at least one certified paramedic or doctor present or on call during operations as laid down in sub-rule (30) of rule 10. Staff trained in Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

(2) A fully equipped ambulance (with oxygen, cardiac monitor, etc.) must be on-site or within immediate access. Ensure a clear route for ambulance movement.

(3) Tie-up with Nearest Hospital, pre-arranged coordination with a nearby multi-specialty hospital or trauma centre.

(4) The Operator during each operation shall carry with him on site two well-equipped first aid kits consisting of triangular bandages, sterile pads, gauze roller bandages, pressure bandages, first aid adhesive tape, splints, scissors, as a bare minimum with stretcher and spinal board in every flying site at take-off and landing or any other medical equipment as specified in Annexure-E;

(5) Each designated flying site, including both take-off and landing zones, must be equipped with a readily accessible ambulance to provide immediate medical assistance in case of emergencies.

5. *Safety measures for operators.*— Every Operator shall be bound to follow the following safety measures, namely:—

(1) Operator should have at least one Aero sports qualified Tandem Pilot for the guidance of participants.

(2) The person operating the aircrafts must have requisite qualifications and experience prescribed under these rules.

(3) Operator should have 'Tandem Pilots with valid licence (as per qualification), who are well-trained in aero sports and rescue techniques.

(4) Tandem pilots should have thorough knowledge of the Micro Meteorology affecting the site and also be qualified in First Aid/Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitations having successfully completed basic course in first aid from Government Hospital or any recognized institution.

(5) The Tandem Pilots engaged by the Operator should be graded by the Technical Committee.

(6) Stay updated with certifications and refresher courses. Understand emergency protocols and first aid.

(7) Shall ensure appropriate PPE: helmets, gloves, goggles, safety boots, ear protection, face shields, closed shoes etc. one in good condition and fits properly.

(8) Use machines only as intended and within their capacity.

(9) Avoid distractions (e.g., phones, music) while operating machinery.

(10) Never operate under fatigue, stress, or influence of alcohol/drugs.

(11) Prevent accidental start-up during servicing.

(12) Participate in drills and safety meetings regularly.

(13) The Tandem Pilots who pilot the trip should be equipped with safety gear including helmet at all times both during the demonstration as well as the flight.

(14) The Operator should display list of the equipment's and accessories as recommended by the Technical Committee for the Aero Sports and will make it available at all times at the site with the Tandem Pilots respectively.

(15) The Operator will ensure that all safety details/briefing for the trip is given to the participants before start of each trip.

(16) The Operator will ensure that all the participants are in suitable attire and bulky clothes, sarees neck ties, long skirts and three-piece suites are not used and they have proper safety gear wear including helmet and closed shoes.

(17) Operator shall also have to necessarily ensure that Aero Sport activity is not carried out in bad weather.

(18) Log book of each aircraft, should contain record of usage inspection, repairs and safety measures undertaken, which will be countersigned by the Prescribed Authority or any of the officer/officials appointed by the Prescribed Authority.

(19) The Operator shall make sure to have insurance of all equipment's/Self Crew/Passengers/Other persons participating in aero sports in accordance with sub-rule (11) of rule (10).

6. *Other Safety measures for operator.*— The operator shall ensure that:

(1) Participation Restrictions Based on Age and Weight: (a) Children below the age of fourteen (14) years and individuals weighing less than thirty (30) kilograms are strictly prohibited from participating in any aero sports activities, irrespective of their physical condition, experience, or willingness to participate. (b) Individuals aged fourteen (14) to eighteen (18) years may be permitted to participate in aero sports activities only under the direct supervision of a registered operator or tandem pilot. (c) Prior to such participation, a written and in-person undertaking must be obtained from the parent(s) or legal guardian of the minor, confirming informed consent and acceptance of all associated risks as per Annexure-B. (d) The supervision and participation of minors shall be strictly monitored, and operators must ensure compliance with all safety protocols applicable to adult participants. (e) Any violation of these provisions shall attract penalties as prescribed under this rule.

(2) Aerobic or acrobatic manoeuvres are strictly prohibited during aero sports activities, whether performed with participants onboard or without. All flight operations shall prioritize safety and stability, adhering to standard flight patterns as approved by relevant aviation authorities.

(3) Any deviation involving high-risk or stunt-like manoeuvres shall be considered a violation of operational safety protocols and may lead to disciplinary action, including suspension of activity permissions.

(4) Strict compliance with equipment loading parameters must be ensured. Neither overloading nor underloading of equipment.

(5) A comprehensive safety briefing shall be provided to all participants before the commencement of each operation. The briefing shall include emergency procedures, communication protocols, dos and don'ts, and usage of safety gear. Participation in the briefing shall be recorded and acknowledged by all attendees.

(6) Before engaging in any operation, every participant shall be briefed on the associated risks and must comply with sub-rule 31 of rule 10;

(7) The operator shall bear full responsibility for ensuring that all participants follow the safety norms and operational guidelines as stipulated in these rules. Any deviation must be reported and corrective actions taken immediately.

(8) Any individual — including participants, pilots, who has consumed alcohol, narcotics, or any other intoxicating substance within twelve (12) hours prior to the scheduled operation shall be strictly barred from participating. Violation of this rule shall result in cancellation or suspension of the operator's and/or pilot's licence.

(9) Daily assessments of weather and terrain conditions must be carried out and documented before any operation. activity shall be cancelled or postponed in case of adverse conditions such as high winds, lightning, or poor visibility.

(10) Constant communication must be maintained between pilots, crew, and ground control throughout the operation. Supervisory staff should be present on-site to ensure protocols are being followed and to intervene in case of non-compliance.

CHAPTER-IV

Malpractices and Penalties

7. *Malpractices in Aero Sports.*— Malpractices include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) Operating without valid registration or licenses or producing fake documents to obtain a license/Certificate of Registration.

(b) Failure to register with the Department of Tourism or local police authorities.

(c) Allowing unlicensed or untrained individuals to operate or pilot equipment.

(d) Tampering with or misreporting safety inspections or incident reports.

(e) Violation of approved flying zones or time slots.

(f) Concealing or misdeclaring flight plans or equipment details.

(g) Conducting operations in prohibited or ecologically sensitive areas.

(h) Ignoring weather advisories and flying in unsafe conditions.

(i) Obstructing or refusing inspection by authorized officials.

(j) Any other offence not mentioned above.

8. *Penalties:* Depending on the severity and recurrence of the violation is further divided into two stages:—

(1) First Offense (Minor Violation)

A written warning and corrective notice/showcase with a penalty ranging from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000 or temporary suspension of operations for up to 60 days, or both;

(2) Major Violations or Repeated Offenses

(a) Imposition of a monetary penalty of ₹50,000, which may extend up to ₹2,00,000.

(b) Confiscation of equipment involved in illegal operations.

(c) Filing of a police complaint and initiation of legal proceedings under applicable aviation and safety laws.

(d) Permanent blacklisting and cancellation of registration/license.

(e) Or all the above, depending on the severity of the violation.

9. *Enforcement and Appeals.*— The Competent authority shall have the power to inquire into and dispose of complaints relating to misbehaviour or malpractice by operators or tandem pilots. If required, the Competent authority may seek assistance from the Technical Committee. Any operator or person aggrieved by the decision of the Competent authority may file an appeal in accordance with Section 20 of the Act.

CHAPTER-V

Miscellaneous

18. *Areas for Aero Sports.*— Aero sports activities shall be conducted only at locations identified by the Technical Committee and duly notified by the Competent authority, from time to time.

19. *Collection of Registration Fees and user fee.*— (1) The Operator shall pay the following fees to the Government, either by Cash, Demand Draft, or any other mode accepted by the Department of Tourism, in favour of the Director of Tourism, payable at Panaji, Goa, prior to commencing operations:

(a) ₹1,00,000/- per aircraft

Valid from October (after obtaining the Registration Certificate) until 31st May of the respective year.

(b) ₹10,000/- per Tandem Pilot

Valid from October (after obtaining the Registration Certificate) until 31st May of the respective year.

(c) ₹2,500/- per Solo Pilot (foreign) & ₹1000/- per Solo Pilot (Indian)

Valid for four months from the date of obtaining the Registration Certificate/Permission, and shall not extend beyond 31st May of the respective year.

20. *Claim on account of any mishap.*— (1) Department of Tourism or any other Department of Government of Goa shall not, under any circumstances, be held vicariously liable for any injury, loss, damage, or claim arising out of or in connection with any mishap, accident, or untoward incident occurring during the conduct of aero sports activities.

(2) All participants, Operators, Permit Holders, and associated personnel shall engage in such activities at their own risk. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Operator to ensure the safety, maintenance, and proper execution of aero sports operations in accordance with applicable laws, safety protocols, and weather conditions.

21. *Documents required for Registration.*— (a) **Aero Sports Operator:** The following documents and approvals must be submitted by the Aero Sports Operator to obtain permission to conduct aero sports activities:

- (i) Valid permission/license from the DGCA/Air Traffic Control (ATC)/Airports Authority of India (AAI), as applicable.
- (ii) Two (2) recent attested passport-sized photographs of the operator.
- (iii) Proof of local address (utility bill, rent agreement, etc.).
- (iv) Copy of the operator's PAN Card.
- (v) Copy of the operator's Aadhaar Card.
- (vi) Mobile number linked with the Aadhaar for official communication.
- (vii) Valid GST Registration Certificate of the operator.
- (viii) Valid special contingency insurance policy covering in accordance with sub-rule (11) of rule 10;
- (ix) Number and details of equipment to be registered, along with Registration Certificate (RC) or ownership proof.
- (x) Valid certification of all equipment.
- (xi) Relevant training certificate(s)/license of the operator and associated personnel issued by the institute registered with Government of India/Government of Goa/Aero Club of India (ACI)- National Airports Control (NAC) or its appointed Commission.

(b) **Tandem Pilots:**

- (i) Copy of the Aadhaar Card/Epic Card/Driving license/Passport copy for identity verification.
- (ii) One (1) recent attested passport-sized photograph.
- (iii) Valid operational certification, authorizing the pilot to conduct aero sports activities. This certification must be issued by a recognized training institute and remain valid for a minimum of one (1) year i.e. upto 31st day of May.
- (iv) Relevant training certificate(s)/license issued by the institute registered with Government of India/Government of Goa/Aero Club of India (ACI)- National Airports Control (NAC) or its appointed Commission, demonstrating proficiency in the specific aero sport(s) being operated.
- (v) Must possess a valid medical fitness certificate as specified in clause (h) of rule 6.

(c) **Solo Pilots**— Each solo pilot must submit the following documents and certifications for approval if the solo pilot is operating as mentioned in sub-rule (4) of rule 3;

- (i) Copy of the Aadhaar Card/Epic Card/Driving license/Passport copy for identity verification.
- (ii) One (1) recent attested passport-sized photograph.
- (iii) Relevant training certificate(s) issued by the institute registered with Government of India/Government of Goa/Aero Club of India (ACI)- National Airports Control (NAC) or its appointed Commission, demonstrating proficiency in the specific aero sport(s) being operated.
- (e) Must possess a valid medical fitness certificate as specified in clause (h) of rule 6.

UNDERTAKING**“TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN”**

I, the undersigned participant, hereby declare and affirm as follows:

- 1) I have been informed and I fully understand that participation in aero sports activities involves numerous inherent risks and dangers, including but not limited to:
 - Hazards related to travel by aircraft;
 - Risk of accident or sudden illness in remote locations where medical assistance may not be immediately available;
 - Acts of nature and God;
 - Extreme weather conditions;
 - Physical exertion that may exceed my fitness level;
 - Difficulties related to evacuation and rescue in the event of injury or disability.

I acknowledge and accept that these and other risks are an integral part of the aero experience and form part of the reason for my voluntary participation in such activities.

- 2) I confirm that I am participating in this aero activity of my own free will. I understand the nature of the activity and the extent of the risks involved, and I have made the choice to proceed after careful consideration.
- 3) In consideration of being permitted to participate in this aero activity organized by [Name of Operator], a registered under the Goa Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1982, Rule 1885 & 2025 (hereinafter referred to as “the Operator”), I hereby expressly agree to the following:
 - I release, waive, and forever discharge the Operator, its agents, employees, guides, associates, assigns, successors in interest, and the Government of Goa from any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any loss, damage, injury, or death that may be sustained by me, while participating in aero sports activities.
 - I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Operator and the Government of Goa from any claims made by third parties arising from my conduct or participation in such activities.
- 4) In the event of an accident, injury, or illness during the course of the activity:
 - I authorize the Operator to arrange for such medical treatment, emergency evacuation, or other services as may be deemed necessary for my safety.
 - I agree to bear full responsibility for all associated costs, including transportation, treatment, and other medical services rendered on my behalf.
 - I confirm that I have read and understood the Operator’s policy on cancellation and refunds as stated in its brochure or official materials. I acknowledge that if I elect not to purchase insurance (add-on), I will be fully responsible for all expenses arising from: Cancellation of the trip; Delays; Loss or damage of personal belongings; Medical emergencies etc;
- 5) I expressly agree that any claim, dispute, or controversy arising out of, or in connection with, my participation in aero sports activities or this Undertaking—whether in contract, tort, or otherwise—shall be subject to a mandatory two-tier dispute resolution mechanism. As a first step, the aggrieved party shall file a formal complaint with the designated Nodal Agency, which shall make reasonable efforts to resolve the matter through internal grievance redressal procedures within a stipulated timeframe. If the dispute remains unresolved, it shall thereafter be referred to final and binding arbitration to be conducted in Panaji, Goa.

6) I hereby undertake:

- Not to possess, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drugs while participating in the aero sports activity.
- To comply with all safety instructions and lawful directions issued by the Operator or its representatives.

7) I declare that:

- I have read this entire Undertaking carefully and understand its terms.
- I am not relying on any oral or written representation by the Operator regarding the safety of the activity.
- I voluntarily agree to the terms herein and accept the associated risks and responsibilities without reservation.

Name of Participant: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Annexure-B

**Declaration and Undertaking by Parent/Legal Guardian for Minor's Participation
in Aero Sports**

To: [Name of Operator/Organization/Nodal Agency]

Subject: Consent and Undertaking for Participation of Minor in Aero Sports Activities

I, (parent/legal guardian name) _____, residing at (address) _____, holding valid identification proof (_____), do hereby solemnly declare and affirm as follows:

I am the lawful parent/legal guardian of (minor name) _____, aged _____, who is my _____.

I hereby grant my full and informed consent for my son/daughter/ward to participate in aero sports activities organized and conducted by (operator name) _____ at (location) _____ on or around (date) _____.

I affirm that I have been informed of and fully understand the inherent risks associated with aero sports, including but not limited to, the risk of injury, accidents, and adverse weather conditions. I acknowledge that aero sports involve physical exertion and airborne activity, which may carry unpredictable risks despite adherence to safety protocols.

I undertake that my son/daughter/ward is participating voluntarily and under appropriate supervision, and I have satisfied myself regarding the operator's safety standards, certifications, and emergency protocols.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the operator, instructors, organizers, and affiliated authorities from any liability, claims, demands, or legal actions arising out of or in connection with the said participation.

I am executing this declaration in person and in the presence of the operator or their authorized representative, and I understand the legal implications of this undertaking.

Declared and signed on this _____ of month _____ year _____ at _____ (location)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Name: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____

Contact Number: _____

Aadhaar/ID Proof Number: _____

Signature of Witness (Operator/Representative): _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Date: _____

Annexure–C

FORMAT OF THE LOGBOOK

Date	DD-MMM-YYYY	DD-MMM-YYYY	DD-MMM-YYYY
Time			
Trip No.			
Departure Point			
Destination			
No. of Passengers			
Captain's Name			
Equipment/Gear			
Issue Identified			
Action Taken			
Technician Name			
Next Service Due			

Service before operation			
service after operation			
Component Modified			
Details of Modification			
Approved By			
Remarks			

Annexure-D

Letter for Self-Declaration of Fitness for aero sports participation.

To,
Aero Sport Operator

Date: ____/____/____ (Date)

Subject: Self-Declaration for Medical Fitness for Aero Sports participation.

Respected Sir/Madam,
Self-Declaration of Fitness
for Aero Sports Activity

I, _____ (Name of Participant), residing
at _____ (Complete Residential Address), contact number _____ (Phone
Number), hereby declare that I am physically and mentally fit to participate in the aero sports activity
_____ (Name, Date, and Location of the
Activity).

I fully understand and accept the risks involved in this activity and take complete responsibility for my
health and well-being during the event. I acknowledge that the aero sports operator shall not be held liable
for any injury, health issues, or other consequences that may arise due to my medical condition or fitness
level.

By signing this declaration, I confirm that I have no known medical conditions or impairments that would
hinder my participation in the said activity.

Signed,

Yours Faithfully/Sincerely,

_____ (Name)

_____ (Phone Number)

First Aid

- (1) All field staff members—including crew, pilots, and operators—must hold valid certification in First Aid, CPR, or life-saving techniques issued by an institute or hospital or any other organisation approved by the Government of India or the Government of Goa. For aero sports, the operator is responsible for ensuring that all staff engaged in service are adequately trained in the proper use of equipment.

Each First-Aid Kit Shall Contain At Least The Following or Other Approved Contents:

- Antiseptic swabs (10/pack) - 2
- Bandage: adhesive strips 20
- Bandage: gauze 7.5 cm × 4.5 m²
- Bandage: triangular; safety pins 4
- Dressing: burn 10 cm × 10 cm 10
- Dressing: compress, sterile 7.5 cm × 12 cm 10
- Dressing: gauze, sterile 10.4 cm × 10.4 cm 10
- Tape: adhesive 2.5 cm (roll) 2
- Steri-strips (or equivalent adhesive strip) 2
- Pad with shield, or tape, for eye 2
- Scissors: 10 cm 1
- Tape: Adhesive, surgical 1.2 cm × 4.6 m 1
- Tweezers: splinter 1
- Disposable gloves (multiple pairs) 2
- Thermometers (non-mercury) 1
- Mouth to mouth resuscitation mask with one-way valve 1
- Ambu Bag 1
- Mild to moderate analgesic 20
- Antiemetic 10
- Antiemetic drops 1
- Nasal decongestant 1
- Antacid 20
- Antihistamine 10
- First-aid manual, current edition 1
- Incident record form 5
- Antibiotic tablet 10
- Antibiotic ointment 1
- Antibiotic Eye drops 1
- Anti-diarrhoeal 10

- Anti- allergy 10
- Anti-spasmodic 10
- Anti-spasmodic drops 1
- Anti-pyretic 10
- Anti-pyretic syrup 1
- Anti-angina - Sorbitrate 10
- Analgesic ointment 1
- Crepe bandage 2
- Oral Rehydration Solution sachets 5
- Tourniquet 1
- Dry powder that can convert small liquid spill into a sterile granulated gel 200 Gms x 1
- Germicidal disinfectant for surface cleaning 100 ml x 1
- Skin wipes 20
- Face/eye mask (separate or combined) 10
- Gloves (disposable) 10
- Protective apron 2 Large
- Absorbent towel 2
- Pick-up scoop with scraper 1
- Bio-hazard disposal waste bag 4
- Stretcher (spinal board) – 2
- Instructions 1

First-Aid, Medical, and Universal Precaution Kits for Aero Sports

1. All First-Aid kits, Medical kits, and Universal Precaution kit containers must be moisture-proof, dust-proof, and easily accessible at all times during aero sports activities.
2. Each kit container shall be clearly marked with a white cross measuring at least 5 cm by 5 cm on a green background. Additionally, the front surface of the container must prominently display the label “FIRST-AID KIT,” “MEDICAL KIT,” or “UNIVERSAL PRECAUTION KIT,” as applicable.
3. All kits shall be sealed, and their contents must be certified and signed off by a Registered Medical Practitioner or Medical Officer holding a minimum qualification of an MBBS degree.
4. The storage locations for these kits must also be clearly and conspicuously marked to ensure quick and easy identification during emergencies.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Kedar Naik, Director of Tourism.

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