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WWGC2022 Teams

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CROSSING THE UK BORDER WITH GLIDER TRAILERS

Gliders and other associated sporting equipment may cross the UK border on a temporary basis via 'declaration by conduct'. In other words, the pilot drives across the border with the glider trailer behind the car and in due course returns across the border with the glider trailer. No administration is required. The theory is that if a car crosses one way with a trailer and returns without the trailer, the border systems will notice the difference. Permanent imports into the UK are of course subject to additional rules and tax requirements.

The scope of goods that are included under declaration by conduct is detailed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-goods-applicable-to-oral-and-by-conduct-declarations>. You will note that personally owned gliders and associated equipment as well as those operated professionally for example by gliding federations are included.

PILOT LICENSING

Pilots who fly UK registered sailplanes in UK airspace are exempt from the requirement to hold a UK SFCL SPL and medical certificate or medical declaration until December 2023.

The UK is an ICAO signatory. Pilots who fly non-UK registered sailplanes in the UK are required to hold an ICAO compliant glider pilot licence and medical certificate. The good news is that the UK CAA intends to exempt WWGC2022 competitors from the requirement to validate their glider pilot licence (for example EU SPL) and will permit WWGC2022 competitors to use whatever medical certificate (for example LAPL or class 2) is accepted in their State of Registry. This exemption will be published in July and apply throughout August. The BGA will be required to confirm that competitors comply with these exemptions, so please bring your gliding licence and associated medical certificate with you to the competition.

If you have any concerns about the above topics, please do get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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