

**RP 004****Damaged or Missing Helideck Perimeter Net****Purpose:**

Helideck perimeter netting is prescribed in CAP437 Standards for offshore helicopter landing areas Chapter 3 para 3.50 – 3.51 plus notes.

However there may be occasions that the helideck perimeter net has been damaged or a section has to be replaced therefore missing prior to a helicopter arrival. This Recommended Practice provides guidance in order to maintain safe helicopter operations.

**Course of action:**

Provided the following precautions are adhered to then helicopter operations can continue:

- A full risk assessment is carried out by Duty Holder.
- HCA to be informed of the issue and timeline for repair/replacement of perimeter net.
- **Temporary** repair or replacement of missing panels is to be carried out as soon as practicable and details for permanent repair notified to HCA.
- Duty Holder to add comment on the daily flying brief and/or Met Report to the Helicopter Operator.
- Additional personnel to be available to direct passengers away from affected area after the aircraft has landed and clearance by the crew has been given to the HLO.
- Passengers to be briefed on abnormal procedures when arriving and departing the helideck prior to boarding aircraft onshore and offshore.
- Where possible, passengers may be disembarked on the opposite side of the deck to where the perimeter net damage has occurred.

**In addition:**

The following operating wind limitations will apply until a permanent repair has been carried out:

- Manned fixed installations – Maximum forecast or actual wind speed  $\leq 30$  knots.
- Unmanned installations – Maximum forecast or actual wind speed  $\leq 25$  knots (the reduction in wind speed reflects the non-availability of additional personnel).
- Vessels – Maximum allowable wind speed  $\leq 25$  knots and stable conditions to apply i.e.  $1^\circ$  pitch & roll and 0.4 m/s SHR.

If there are any doubts or questions on continued helicopter operations during a period of a damaged or missing helideck perimeter net please contact either the helicopter operator or HCA on [info@helideck.org](mailto:info@helideck.org)

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