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AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES (S.A.A.)

The Civil Aviation Authority, through the Aeronautical Operations and Airworthiness Units, informs National and Foreign Air Operators of the publication of: Operational Directive No. DGAC-DO-RAC OPS 1-3-119-0002-2025 UPDATE TO RAC 119, RAC-OPS 1 AND RAC-OPS 03 EXPANDING THEIR SCOPE IN THE ISSUE OF AIR OPERATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES (S.A.A.) DEVELOPMENT OF AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES (S.A.A.).

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DGAC-DO-RAC OPS 1-3-119-0002-2025	DGAC-DO-RAC OPS 1-3-119-0002-2025 addresses safety requirements for commercial aircraft operations through operator certification procedures, aircraft equipment requirements, pilot and crew competency, alternate airports, and weather minimums for aircraft operations in S.A.A. activities. The terms “Emergency Medical Service, Medevac Medical Evacuations, aeromedical flight / aircraft (EMS)” and others are obsolete and will be replaced by the term S.A.A. because, although a critical life-or-death medical emergency may exist, air ambulance flights are not operated as an emergency. Pilots and the operator's administrative management personnel must make flight decisions based on the safety of the flight and not the patient's condition.	38

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