

### **BMAA Foot Launched Microlight Training System**

During 2007 BMAA undertook a complete review of the BMAA Foot Launched Microlight Pilot training system. The review included meeting UK based BMAA FLM Instructors and discussing the current system, listening to ideas and collecting information.

As a result of the review new documentation was produced and the current UK instructors were invited to participate in the reorganisation of the BMAA system to address the problems and deficiencies that the review had highlighted.

The BMAA also realized the potential liability placed upon it by running a training system and took measures to insure against the liability to protect the BMAA as an organisation.

In the seven months since the instructors were asked to participate in the regeneration of the Foot Launched Training system no progress has been made despite the dedicated involvement of members of a BMAA Council subcommittee formed to assist the instructors with the regeneration of their training scheme.

Its insurers have now informed the BMAA that the agreed cover cannot be continued without the safeguards that were planned being put in place. This leaves the BMAA holding an uninsured liability.

The consequence of the failure to implement the proposed changes to the BMAA system and therefore the loss of liability insurance is that the BMAA Council have regrettably decided that the BMAA is unable to continue to approve a Foot Launched Microlight training system.

The cessation of the system is effective immediately. No further BMAA FLM Pilot or Instructor ratings will be issued.

The BMAA will continue to support Foot Launched Microlight Flying in ways other than training.



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