

### **723.23 Aircraft Operating Over Water**

The standard for authorization to operate a land aircraft over water pursuant to [section 703.23](#) of the *Canadian Aviation Regulations* is:

(amended 2000/06/01)

- (a) the helicopter shall be equipped with an approved emergency flotation kit and operated in accordance with the Emergency Flotation Kit Flight Manual Supplement ;
- (b) when enroute over water, the helicopter shall be operated at an altitude that will provide adequate time for full inflation of the flotation devices prior to water contact;
- (c) life preservers shall be carried and stowed so that they are within reach of each person carried when seated with his or her seat belt fastened;
- (d) the air operator's Company Operations Manual shall include passenger briefing ditching procedures and a requirement for the pilot to file a flight plan or flight itinerary; and
- (e) flights conducted over water more than 15 minutes at normal cruising speed from shore or from a suitable aerodrome shall be capable of direct flight following radio communications.