

IFDC 4/1783 ZDC SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS, WASHINGTON, DC.

THIS NOTAM CANCELS FDC 9/1811 TO PROVIDE SPECIAL SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS (UAS) IN THE WASHINGTON DC SPECIAL FLIGHT RULES AREA (SFRA), INCLUDING THE DC FLIGHT RESTRICTED ZONE (FRZ). ADDITIONALLY, THIS NOTAM SUPPLEMENTS THE DC SPECIAL FLIGHT RULES AREA (SFRA), INCLUDING THE WASHINGTON DC FLIGHT RESTRICTED ZONE (FRZ) FDC NOTAMS WITH SPECIAL SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING OPERATING REQUIREMENTS, THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO UAS OPERATIONS, INCLUDING OPERATIONS BY MODEL AIRCRAFT (HOBBYIST OR RECREATIONAL USE), CIVIL (INCLUDING COMMERCIAL), AND PUBLIC OPERATORS, IN THE DC SFRA PURSUANT TO 14 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR) SECTIONS 93.335, 93.337, 93.339, 93.341, AND 99.7, AND 49 UNITED STATES CODE (USC) SECTION 40103(B)(3).

SECTION I. SPECIAL NOTES ON UAS OPERATIONS IN THE DC SFRA:

A. THE FAA HAS ESTABLISHED THE DC SFRA, INCLUDING THE DC FRZ, PURSUANT TO 49 USC 40103(B)(3). PERSONS OPERATING UAS IN THE DC SFRA WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO THE PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY 14 CFR SECTIONS 93.335, 93.337, 93.339, 93.341, AND 99.7, AND THE FOLLOWING UAS-SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIAL SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS MAY FACE RESPONSE AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AS DESCRIBED IN THE DC SFRA AND DC FLIGHT RESTRICTED ZONE (FRZ) FDC NOTAMS.

B. UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE DC FRZ UNLESS AN AIRSPACE WAIVER IS GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION V, B. BELOW.

C. UAS OPERATORS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS ARE WARNED THAT PURSUANT TO 10 U.S.C. SECTION 130I AND 6 U.S.C. SECTION 124N, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD), THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) MAY TAKE SECURITY ACTION THAT RESULTS IN THE INTERFERENCE, DISRUPTION, SEIZURE, DAMAGING, OR DESTRUCTION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT DEEMED TO POSE A CREDIBLE SAFETY OR SECURITY THREAT TO PROTECTED PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, OR ASSETS.

SECTION II. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR DC SFRA (MODEL AIRCRAFT UAS OPERATIONS): ALL MODEL AIRCRAFT (FOR HOBBYIST OR RECREATIONAL USE ONLY) UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE DC SFRA UNLESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW. REFER TO SECTION VI OF THIS NOTAM FOR THE APPLIED DEFINITION OF MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS.

A. THE UAS IS REGISTERED AND MARKED AS REQUIRED BY THE FAA. REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED AT [HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/GETTING_STARTED/REGISTER_DRONE](https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone).

B. THE UAS WEIGHS LESS THAN 55 LBS, INCLUDING ALL ADDED EQUIPMENT (SUCH AS CAMERAS) ATTACHED TO THE AIRCRAFT.

C. OPERATIONS MUST REMAIN AT OR BELOW 400 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL (AGL) UNLESS ISSUED A SIGNIFICANT GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST (SGI) WAIVER ISSUED BY THE SYSTEM OPERATIONS SUPPORT CENTER (SOSC) 9-ATOR-HQ-SOSC@FAA.GOV

D. OPERATIONS MUST REMAIN WITHIN VISUAL LINE OF SIGHT OF THE OPERATOR AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. OPERATIONS MUST BE CONDUCTED UNDER VISUAL METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS (VMC).
2. OPERATIONS MUST NOT BE CONDUCTED DURING NIGHT AS DEFINED IN 14 CFR SECTION 1.1.
3. FLIGHTS UNDER SPECIAL VISUAL FLIGHT RULES (SVFR) ARE NOT AUTHORIZED.

E. OPERATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS UNDER 49 USC 44809(A), (B) AND (C), EXCEPTIONS FOR LIMITED RECREATIONAL OPERATIONS OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

F. OPERATIONS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH AND MUST GIVE WAY TO MANNED AIRCRAFT.

G. MODEL AIRCRAFT UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE DC FRZ.

SECTION III. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR DC SFRA (CIVIL, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL, UAS OPERATIONS): ALL CIVIL, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL, UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN DC SFRA UNLESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 14 CFR PART 107 OR THE OPERATOR'S APPLICABLE FAA GRANT OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 112-95, SECTION 333, AND FAA CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

OR WAIVER (COA) REFER TO SECTION VI OF THIS NOTAM FOR THE APPLIED DEFINITION OF CIVIL, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL, UAS OPERATIONS.

SECTION IV. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR DC SFRA (PUBLIC UAS OPERATIONS): ALL PUBLIC UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN DC SFRA, UNLESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPERATOR'S APPLICABLE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION (COA) OR WAIVER OR OPERATING UNDER TITLE 14 CFR PART 107. REFER TO SECTION VI OF THIS NOTAM FOR THE APPLIED DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UAS OPERATIONS.

SECTION V. ADDITIONAL GENERAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDANCE FOR DC SFRA (ALL TYPES OF UAS OPERATIONS):

A. UAS OPERATIONS IN THE DC SFRA MUST NOT PENETRATE RESTRICTED AREAS, PROHIBITED AREAS, OR TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS (TFR). RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED AREAS ARE DEPICTED ON CHARTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FAA - REFER TO WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR_TRAFFIC/FLIGHT_INFO/AERONAV. INFORMATION ON CURRENT TFR'S CAN BE OBTAINED AT [HTTP://TFR.FAA.GOV](http://TFR.FAA.GOV)

B. UAS OPERATIONS IN THE DC SFRA MUST NOT PENETRATE THE DC FRZ. UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE DC FRZ UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED VIA THE TSA/FAA AIRSPACE WAIVER PROCESS. CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC UAS OPERATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST AIRSPACE WAIVERS TO OPERATE IN THE DC FRZ. APPLICATION GUIDELINES CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.TSA.GOV/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/UAS_FRZ_WAIVER_APPLICANTS_TSA_GUIDELINES.PDF (MUST BE LOWERCASE WHEN USING LINK).

C. UAS OPERATORS SHOULD BE AWARE OF OTHER NOTAMS, WHICH ADDRESS SECURITY SENSITIVE INCIDENTS, EVENTS, OPERATIONS, AND/OR LOCATIONS SUCH AS MILITARY OR OTHER FEDERAL FACILITIES, CERTAIN STADIUMS, POWER PLANTS, ELECTRIC SUBSTATIONS, DAMS, OIL REFINERIES, NATIONAL PARKS, EMERGENCY, SERVICES AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES. IN ADDITION TO THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED LINK, INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLISHED NOTAMS CAN BE FOUND AT: NOTAMS.AIM.FAA.GOV/NOTAMSEARCH/

D. UAS OPERATIONS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH AND MUST GIVE WAY TO MANNED AIRCRAFT.

SECTION VI. DEFINITIONS:

A. MODEL AIRCRAFT UAS: UAS MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY PUBLIC LAW 112-95, SECTION 336, TO QUALIFY AS A MODEL AIRCRAFT, WHICH IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR HOBBYIST OR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. UAS USED FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY DO NOT QUALIFY AS MODEL AIRCRAFT.

B. CIVIL, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL UAS: CIVIL UAS OPERATIONS GENERALLY COMPRISE FLIGHTS CONDUCTED BY PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. REFER TO TITLE 14 CFR PART 107 OR PUBLIC LAW 112-95, SECTION 333, FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON UAS OPERATIONS THAT ARE ADDRESSED BY SECTION III OF THIS NOTAM.

C. PUBLIC UAS: PUBLIC UAS OPERATIONS GENERALLY INCLUDE GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND NATIONAL GUARD (NG) FLIGHTS. REFER TO 49 USC SECTION 40102(A) (41), WHICH PROVIDES THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC AIRCRAFT" AND 49 USC SECTION 40125 PROVIDES THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC AIRCRAFT STATUS.

SECTION VII. RESOURCES:

A. THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.ECFR.GOV.

B. ANY UAS OPERATOR QUESTIONS REGARDING DC SFRA OR FRZ PROCEDURES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FAA NATIONAL CAPITOL REGION COORDINATION CENTER (NCRCC) AT 866-598-9522.

C. FAA INFORMATION TO HELP UAS OPERATORS UNDERSTAND REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS, WHICH COULD BE IN EFFECT AT THEIR INTENDED OPERATING LOCATION, IS AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/RECREATIONAL_FLIERS/WHERE_CAN_I_FLY/B4UFLY/](https://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/RECREATIONAL_FLIERS/WHERE_CAN_I_FLY/B4UFLY/)