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**SUBJECT: MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF  
AIRPORTS**

**1. THE FAA IS REVISING ADVISORY CIRCULAR 91-57 WHICH PERTAINS  
TO MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATING STANDARDS DUE TO NEW  
STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR MODEL AIRCRAFT CONTAINED IN  
SECTION 336 OF THE FAA MODERNIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2012.  
THE FAA HAS ISSUED AN INTERPRETATION TO CLARIFY THE AGENCY'S  
UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS.**

**2. IF AN OPERATOR OF MODEL AIRCRAFT PROPOSES FLIGHT ACTIVITY  
WITHIN 5 STATUTE MILES OF AN AERODROME, THE OPERATOR MUST  
NOTIFY THE AERODROME OPERATIONS MANAGER PRIOR TO ANY  
OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, IF THERE IS AN ACTIVE AIR TRAFFIC  
CONTROL (ATC) FACILITY LOCATED AT THE AERODROME, THE AIR  
TRAFFIC MANAGER MUST BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED  
MODEL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.**

**3. IF NOTIFIED, THE AIR TRAFFIC FACILITY MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR:**

**A. ENSURING OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- 1. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AND OPERATING AREA DIMENSIONS**
- 2. ALTITUDE AT WHICH THE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED (NORMALLY NOT TO EXCEED 400 FEET AGL)**
- 3. NUMBER OF MODELS AND OPERATORS.**
- 4. TIME AND DURATION OF ACTIVITY.**
- 5. A METHOD TO DETERMINE WHEN ACTIVITY BEGINS AND ENDS.**
- 6. A REAL TIME CONTACT FOR ANY REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS.**

**B. A RECORD OF THE ACTIVITY.**

**C. LOGGING OPERATIONAL ISSUES THAT RESULT FROM THE ACTIVITIES.**

**4. WHEN NOTIFIED OF A MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATION, THE ATC MANAGER OR AIRPORT MANAGEMENT MAY DENY OPERATIONS IF THEY IMPACT THE SAFETY OF OTHER OPERATIONS AT THE AIRPORT. SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THE OBJECTION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE PERSON NOTIFYING THE ATCT OR AIRPORT MANAGEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE REQUEST AND DOCUMENTED.**

**5. FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, SECTION 336 REQUIRES THAT MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIRMENTS;**

**A. THE AIRCRAFT IS FLOWN STRICTLY FOR HOBBY OR RECREATIONAL USE**

**B. THE AIRCRAFT IS OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMUNITY-BASED SET OF SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WITHIN THE PROGRAMMING OF A NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION**

**C. THE AIRCRAFT IS LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN 55 POUNDS UNLESS OTHERWISE CERTIFIED THROUGH A DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION, FLIGHT TEST, AND OPERATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION**

**D. THE AIRCRAFT IS OPERATED IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH AND GIVES WAY TO ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT.**

**6. ATC MANAGERS OR AIRPORT MANAGEMENT CONCERNED ABOUT UNSAFE MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE LOCAL FSDO AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY.**

**7. REQUESTS FOR OPERATIONS OTHER THAN HOBBY OR RECREATIONAL, SHOULD BE REDIRECTED TO THE FAA WEBSITE AT: [WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS](http://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS) FOR AUTHORIZATION.**

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