

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
**CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER**

ISSUED TO

**Christian Ojala**  
**Responsible Party: Christian Ojala**  
**Waiver Number: 107W-2023-03293**

ADDRESS

**1180 Huntington Trails Parkway**  
**Westminster, CO 80023**

This certificate is issued for the operations specifically described hereinafter. No person shall conduct any operation pursuant to the authority of this certificate, except in accordance with the standard and special provisions contained in this certificate, and such other requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations not specifically waived by this certificate.

OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED

Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) operations beyond the visual line of sight of the remote pilot in command (PIC); Operating Limitations for Small Unmanned Aircraft (sUA) – Groundspeed; sUAS operations higher than 400 feet above ground level (AGL), when not within a 400 foot radius of a structure.

LIST OF WAIVED REGULATIONS BY SECTION AND TITLE

**14 CFR §§ 107.31—Visual line of sight aircraft operation,**  
**107.51(a)—Operating limitations for small unmanned aircraft - Groundspeed, and**  
**107.51(b)—Operating limitations for small unmanned aircraft - Altitude**

**STANDARD PROVISIONS**

1. A copy of the application, made for this certificate, shall be attached to and become a part hereof.
2. This certificate shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration or of any State or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing local laws or regulations.
3. The holder of this certificate shall be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained herein.
4. This certificate is nontransferable.

NOTE—This certificate constitutes a waiver of those Federal rules or regulations specifically referred to above.  
It does not constitute a waiver of any State law or local ordinance.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

Special Provisions 1 to 36, inclusive, are set forth on the attached pages.

This Certificate of Waiver is effective from May 03, 2024, to December 31, 2024, and is subject to cancellation at any time upon notice by the Administrator or an authorized representative.

**BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Adam Vetter**  
**Tactical Operations Manager**  
**FAA Western Service Center**

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS ISSUED TO Christian Ojala

### General.

The FAA's Flight Standards Service has reviewed your application to ensure compliance with the requirements of 14 CFR § 107.200 and § 107.205. Pursuant to these authorities, the Administrator finds that the proposed sUAS operation can be conducted safely under the provisions of this Certificate of Waiver (Waiver) as listed below because you have established adequate mitigations for risks involved with operating your sUAS in the manner you described. Adherence to the provisions of this Waiver establishes the required level of safety within the national airspace system.

The Administrator may cancel this Waiver at any time. As a general rule, this Waiver may be canceled when it is no longer required, there is an abuse of its provisions, or when unforeseen safety factors develop. Failure to comply with any provision listed below is a violation of the terms of this Waiver and will serve as justification for cancellation.

List of Regulations Waived by Section and Title. The following regulations are waived:

**14 CFR § 107.31**, Visual line of sight aircraft operation, is waived to allow operation of the small unmanned aircraft (sUA) beyond the direct visual line of sight of the remote pilot in command (PIC);

**14 CFR § 107.51(a)**, Operating limitations for small unmanned aircraft - Groundspeed, is waived to allow sUA operations with a groundspeed in excess of 87 kts (100 mph);

**14 CFR § 107.51(b)**, Operating limitations for small unmanned aircraft - Altitude, is waived to allow sUAS operations higher than 400 feet AGL, not to exceed 3500 feet AGL.

No part of this Waiver will function as an airspace authorization under 14 CFR § 107.41. The FAA's Air Traffic Organization responds directly to such requests. The FAA LAANC system cannot be used for waived operations.

**Common Special Provisions:** The Responsible Person is directly responsible for safety of operations conducted under this Waiver and will ensure the Remote Pilot in Command (PIC), manipulator of the controls, and Visual Observers (VO)<sup>1</sup> comply with all provisions of this Waiver.

1. The Responsible Person listed on the Waiver is responsible to the FAA for the safe conduct of the operations. Prior to conducting operations that are the subject of this Waiver, the Responsible Person:
  - a. Must ensure the PIC, manipulators of the controls, and VO are informed of the terms and provisions of this Waiver and the strict observance of the terms and provisions herein;
  - b. Must ensure the PIC, manipulators of the controls, and VO are informed of, and familiar with, Part 107 regulations; and

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<sup>1</sup> Title 14 CFR § 107.3 defines the term "visual observer." Any VO participating in operations conducted under this Waiver must meet the requirements listed in § 107.33 throughout the duration of flight operations.

- c. Evidence of the above (a and b) must be documented and must be presented for inspection upon request from the Administrator or an authorized representative;
2. This Waiver must not be combined with any other waiver(s), authorizations(s), or exemption(s) without specific authorization from the FAA;
3. The FAA has the authority to cancel or delay any or all flight operations if the safety of persons or property on the ground or in the air are in jeopardy or there is a violation of the terms of this Waiver;
4. A copy of this Waiver must be accessible and available to the PIC at the ground control station during sUAS operations that are the subject of this Waiver;
5. The Responsible Person listed on this Waiver must maintain a current list of pilots by name and remote pilot certificate number used in operations under this Waiver. This list must be presented for inspection upon request from the Administrator or an authorized representative;
6. The Responsible Person listed on this Waiver must maintain a current list of sUA by registration number(s) used in operations under this Waiver. This list must be presented for inspection upon request from the Administrator or an authorized representative;
7. For the purposes of this Waiver, direct participants are the PICs, persons manipulating the controls, VOs, and any persons whose involvement is necessary for safety of the sUAS operation. All other persons are considered non-participants;

**Visual Line of Sight Operations Special Provisions:** The PIC may conduct sUAS operations up to 3500 feet AGL and ground speeds greater than 87 kts (100 mph) without the ability to see the unmanned aircraft throughout the entire flight, provided:

#### **OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS:**

8. All operations under this Waiver must use one or more VO;
9. Operations may not be conducted at night or during civil twilight, as defined in 14 CFR § 1.1 and § 107.29 respectively;
10. Individuals directly participating in the operation of the sUAS must be easily identifiable visually (e.g., apparel, safety vests);
11. The PIC must ensure sufficient VO(s) are used to identify any non-participating aircraft prior to their entry into the planned operational area. For the purpose of this Waiver, sufficient VO(s) is defined as the minimum number of VO(s) required to continuously observe at least a 2 statute mile radius of airspace surrounding the sUA in flight. The PIC must confirm VO(s) are physically located such that the PIC receives sufficient notice to ensure the sUA remains well clear of all other aircraft;
12. Prior to conducting operations under this Waiver, the operational aerobatic box must be identified, active and the area restricted to access. During operations, the flight operations area must be monitored as described in the waiver application. Operations outside the designated aerobatic box is not authorized;

13. Prior to operations, the Responsible Person must develop an operations manual that contains at least the following items:
  - a. Operator name, address, and telephone number,
  - b. Method of manual distribution and revision,
  - c. Certificate of Waiver. The operations manual must include a copy of the current Waiver(s),
  - d. Aircraft description and limitations list by aircraft type and model,
  - e. Method to ensure safety of non-participating persons and aircraft,
  - f. Safety briefing of Direct Participants,
  - g. Direct Participant minimum requirements,
  - h. Method of communications,
  - i. Normal operating procedures,
  - j. Abnormal operating procedures,
  - k. Emergency procedures,
  - l. Crew Resource Management,
  - m. Risk management, and
  - n. Accident Notification. The operations manual must contain procedures for notification and reporting of accidents in accordance with 14 CFR § 107.9 and NTSB 830;
14. The Responsible Person must ensure a copy of the current operations manual is available to the PIC and all other direct participants prior to and during sUAS operations that are the subject of this Waiver;
15. The Responsible Person must ensure all operations conducted under this Waiver follow the procedures outlined in the current operations manual. If a discrepancy exists between the provisions in this Waiver and the procedures outlined in the operations manual, the provisions of this Waiver take precedence and must be followed;
16. The Responsible Person may update, or revise its operations manual. The Responsible Person must track such revisions and present revised documents to the Administrator or an authorized representative upon request. The Responsible Person must also present revised documents when applying for extension of, or amendment to this Waiver. If any revision to the manual would be contrary to the information provided in the waiver application or obviate a condition or limitation of this Waiver, then the Responsible Person must apply for an amendment to this Waiver;
17. The Responsible Person must ensure each PIC who will conduct operations under this Waiver is trained in a manner that addresses the items listed in 14 CFR § 107.49(a)-(e) and in a manner that is consistent with how the sUAS will be operated under this Waiver. All training and demonstration for all PICs and VOs must be documented and made available upon request by the Administrator or an authorized representative. Training operations may only be conducted under the standard requirements of Part 107 (without waiver). The training must include:
  - a. sUA limitations and programming,
  - b. sUA operational procedures,
  - c. Abnormal procedures,
  - d. Air traffic avoidance procedures,
  - e. Crew Resource Management,
  - f. sUA flight training, and
  - g. Demonstration of sUA ground and flight skills;

18. Prior to operations under this Waiver, all direct participants must attend a safety briefing that addresses at minimum, the following items:
  - a. Designated positions, physical locations, responsibilities, and Crew Resource Management,
  - b. Planned flight operating area,
  - c. Designated launch and recovery areas,
  - d. Verification of geo-fence boundaries,
  - e. Verification of return home and land flight profile, and course,
  - f. Verification of emergency landing site(s), land profile, and course,
  - g. Procedures for avoidance of other aircraft,
  - h. Procedures for operating under this Waiver;
19. Communication between the PIC and VO must occur to facilitate, when necessary, the PIC taking action to maneuver the sUA with sufficient time to:
  - a. Give way to all other aircraft in accordance with 14 CFR § 107.37,
  - b. React to any unforeseen operational or mechanical failure without creating a hazard to other people, other aircraft, or property in the event of a loss of control of the sUA, and
  - c. Maintain compliance with this Waiver and the requirements of Part 107;
20. Operations subject to this Waiver must cease as soon as possible in a manner that does not jeopardize the safety of human beings, property or other aircraft, if, at any time:
  - a. Safety of human beings or property on the ground or in the air is in jeopardy,
  - b. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this Waiver exists,
  - c. Full-duplex communications cannot be maintained between the PIC and any VO participating in the operation,
  - d. A non-participating aircraft enters the designated flight operating area,
  - e. GPS signal is lost, or
  - f. sUA GPS location information is degraded;
21. No sUA flight that occurs under this Waiver may carry the property of another for compensation or hire;
22. The Responsible Person must file a Notice to Air Mission (NOTAM) no more than 72 hours and no less than 24 hours prior to operating under this Waiver. A NOTAM can be filed by calling 1-877-487-6867 (1-877-4-US-NTMS); and must include the location and/or operating area, altitude, time, nature of the activity, Waiver and/or COA number, PIC name and contact information. The Responsible Person must verify the NOTAM has been issued prior to conducting waived operations;

## TECHNICAL PROVISIONS:

23. Operations conducted under this Waiver may only occur with the make and model sUAS described in the waiver application. Proposed operations of any other manufacturer, make or model of sUAS will require a new waiver application or a request to amend this Waiver;

24. All sUAS operations conducted in accordance with this Waiver must comply with all manufacturer recommendations and limitations for the sUAS;
25. The Responsible Person must maintain each sUA and its components in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. sUA maintenance includes scheduled and unscheduled overhaul, repair, inspection, modification, replacement, and system software upgrades of the sUAS and its components necessary for flight. A log of all maintenance performed must be kept for each aircraft operated under this Waiver. This log must be available to the PIC for review prior to conducting operations that are the subject of this Waiver. Each sUA maintenance log must be presented to the Administrator when requested. The log must contain the following information for each maintenance activity:
  - a. A description (or reference data acceptable to the Administrator) of work performed,
  - b. The date of completion of the work performed,
  - c. The name of the person who performed the work, and
  - d. The signature of the person who performed the work;
26. Any sUAS that has undergone maintenance must undergo a functional test flight prior to conducting operations under this Waiver. A log entry must be made for each functional test flight. The log entry must contain at minimum the:
  - a. Calendar date,
  - b. sUA registration number,
  - c. PIC who performed the functional test flight,
  - d. Duration of the flight, and
  - e. The result of the functional flight test;
27. A functional test flight may only be conducted under the standard requirements of Part 107 (without waiver);
28. The sUA must be equipped with high visibility markings and lighting to increase conspicuity of the sUA in order to be seen by crewmembers in other aircraft from a distance of no less than 1 statute mile;
29. The sUAS ground control station must display in real time the following information: sUA altitude, position, direction of flight, and sUAS flight mode, as described in the waiver application. This information must be available at all times to the PIC;
30. The sUAS must audibly and visually alert the PIC of degraded system performance, sUAS malfunction, or loss of Command and Control (C2) link between the ground control station and the sUA;
31. Prior to conducting operations under this Waiver, the PIC must determine all control links used in the sUAS will maintain the ability to control the sUA at the maximum planned distance for the proposed operation. At all times during operations that are the subject of this Waiver, the PIC must maintain the ability to direct the sUAS to ensure compliance with the applicable provisions of this Waiver;
32. If the PIC loses command or control link with the sUA, the sUA must follow a predetermined route to immediately reestablish command and control link. If command and control link is not immediately reestablished and the PIC no longer has the ability to direct the sUAS to ensure compliance with applicable provisions of Part 107, the sUA must follow the loss of command and control procedure as described in the waiver application;

33. If communication between the VO and the PIC will occur by electronic device:
  - a. The device must be continuous full-duplex,
  - b. The PIC must be able to use the device hands-free, and
  - c. There must be a reliable back-up communication method;
34. ADS-B out (1090/978 MHz) may not be transmitted from the sUAS when operating pursuant to this Waiver;
35. All emitters used in the sUAS must be in compliance with all applicable FCC regulations and all provisions of the FCC authorization granted for the emitter. A FCC experimental authorization may not be used for sUAS operations under this Waiver; and

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS:

36. Operations conducted under this Waiver are limited to the Operations Area and aerobatic box as described in the waiver application (see description and images below).

Borrego Valley Airport, California (L08):

33° 16' 10.6" N, 116° 19' 28.7" W; 33° 16' 10.6" N, 116° 18' 47.6" W

33° 15' 36.8" N, 116° 18' 47.6" W; 33° 15' 36.8" N, 116° 19' 28.7" W

(in Green)

At or Below: 3500 feet AGL



