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FDC 6/2069 ZDC SECURITY...SPECIAL SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS, WASHINGTON, DC, EFFECTIVE 1602100501 UTC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SPECIAL SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS (UAS) IN THE DC SPECIAL FLIGHT RULES AREA (SFRA), INCLUDING THE DC FLIGHT RESTRICTED ZONE (FRZ), ARE IN EFFECT 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). THIS NOTAM CLARIFIES AND SUPPLEMENTS THE OPERATING REQUIREMENTS IN FDC **6/2062 AND 6/2060**, WHICH DEFINES THE OVERALL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DC SFRA AND THE DC FRZ, AND THOSE PRESCRIBED BY 14 CFR SECTIONS 93.335, 93.337, 93.339, 93.341, 93.343, 93.345, AND 99.7.

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

A. THIS NOTAM SUPPLEMENTS FDC **6/2062** 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.

B. THE FAA HAS ESTABLISHED THE DC SFRA, INCLUDING THE DC FRZ, AS 'NATIONAL DEFENSE AIRSPACE' 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 DESCRIBED BY FDC **6/2062 AND 6/2060**.

C. UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE DC FRZ.

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 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 [WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/REGISTRATION).

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).

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 1.1.1.
3. FLIGHTS UNDER SPECIAL VISUAL FLIGHT RULES (SVFR) ARE NOT AUTHORIZED.

E. PRIOR TO OPERATING WITHIN 5 MILES OF AN AIRPORT, THE UAS OPERATOR MUST NOTIFY THE AIRPORT OPERATOR AND, WHEN PRESENT, THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER.

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

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

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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 ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW. REFER TO SECTION VI OF THIS NOTAM FOR THE APPLIED DEFINITION OF CIVIL, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL, UAS OPERATIONS.

A. THE UAS IS REGISTERED AND MARKED AS REQUIRED BY THE FAA. REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED AT [WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/REGISTRATION).

B. OPERATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH THE OPERATOR'S APPLICABLE FAA GRANT OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 112-95, SECTION 333, AND FAA CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION OR WAIVER (COA).

C. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF THIS SECTION III, CIVIL, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL, UAS OPERATORS MUST, AT LEAST ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF OPERATIONS, CONTACT THE FAA AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COORDINATION CENTER (NCRCC) AT (866) 598-9522 AND PROVIDE LOCATION, START/STOP TIMES, OPERATOR CONTACT, AND COA INFORMATION, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE FAA.

SECTION IV. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR DC SFRA (PUBLIC UAS OPERATIONS):

ALL PUBLIC UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN DC SFRA UNLESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW. REFER TO SECTION VII OF THIS NOTAM FOR THE APPLIED DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UAS OPERATIONS.

A. THE UAS IS REGISTERED AND MARKED AS REQUIRED BY THE FAA. REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED AT [WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/REGISTRATION).

B. OPERATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH THE OPERATOR'S APPLICABLE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION OR WAIVER (COA).

C. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF THIS SECTION IV, PUBLIC UAS OPERATORS MUST, AT LEAST ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF OPERATIONS, CONTACT THE FAA AT THE NCRCCAT (866) 598-9522 AND PROVIDE LOCATION, START/STOP TIMES, OPERATOR CONTACT, AND COA INFORMATION, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE FAA.

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](http://WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR_TRAFFIC/FLIGHT_INFO/AERONAV). INFORMATION ON CURRENT TFR'S CAN BE OBTAINED AT [WWW.TFR.FAA.GOV](http://WWW.TFR.FAA.GOV)

B. UAS OPERATIONS IN THE DC SFRA MUST NOT PENETRATE THE DC FRZ. UAS OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE DC FRZ.

C. UAS OPERATORS SHOULD BE AWARE OF OTHER NOTAMS, WHICH ADDRESS SECURITY SENSITIVE INCIDENTS, EVENTS, OPERATIONS, AND/OR LOCATIONS SUCH AS MILITARY OR

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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: [WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR\\_TRAFFIC/PUBLICATIONS/NOTICES/](http://WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR_TRAFFIC/PUBLICATIONS/NOTICES/)

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 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 ON THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE WEBSITE AT [WWW.GPO.GOV/FDSYSACCESS.GOV/CFR/INDEX.HTML](http://WWW.GPO.GOV/FDSYSACCESS.GOV/CFR/INDEX.HTML), OR [WWW.ECFR.GOV](http://WWW.ECFR.GOV).

B. ANY UAS OPERATOR QUESTIONS REGARDING DC SFRA OR FRZ PROCEDURES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FAA SYSTEM OPERATIONS SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COORDINATION CENTER (NCRCC) AT [9-AWA-ATS-NCRCC@FAA.GOV](mailto:9-AWA-ATS-NCRCC@FAA.GOV) OR (866) 598-9522.

C. INFORMATION ABOUT FAA/TSA AIRSPACE WAIVER APPLICATIONS AND TSA SECURITY AUTHORIZATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.TSA.GOV/FOR-INDUSTRY/GENERAL-AVIATION](http://WWW.TSA.GOV/FOR-INDUSTRY/GENERAL-AVIATION) OR BY CONTACTING TSA AT (571) 227-2071.

D. FAA INFORMATION TO HELP UAS OPERATORS UNDERSTAND REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS, WHICH COULD BE IN EFFECT AT THEIR INTENDED OPERATING LOCATION, IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FAA'S B4UFLY SMARTPHONE APPLICATION - SEE [WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/B4UFLY](http://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/B4UFLY)

E. INDIVIDUALS MAY SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A FAA WAIVER AT [WAIVERS.FAA.GOV](http://WAIVERS.FAA.GOV). AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, FOR EMERGENCY OR SHORT NOTICE REQUESTS, CONTACT TSA AT THE NCRCC AT (866) 598-9520.

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