

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER OR AUTHORIZATION

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Department of the Army

Headquarters, US Army Garrison Command, Fort Knox
Fort Knox, KY 40121-5720

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

Operation of the Shadow RQ-7B Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) in Class D airspace at or below 2,400' above ground level (AGL) in order to transit to/from R3704 under the jurisdiction of the Godman Air Traffic Control Tower (FTK).

LIST OF WAIVED REGULATIONS BY SECTION AND TITLE

N/A

STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. A copy of the application made for this certificate shall be attached and become a part hereof.
2. This certificate shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative 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 are set forth and attached.

This certificate 2011-ESA-74 is effective from February 4, 2012 to February 3, 2013 and is subject to cancellation at any time upon notice by the Administrator or his/her authorized representative.

BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

FAA Headquarters, AJV-13
(Region)


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ATTACHMENT to FAA FORM 7711-1

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Purpose: To prescribe UAS operating requirements (outside of restricted and/or warning area airspace) in the National Airspace System (NAS) for the purpose of training and/or operational flights.

Dates of Use: This Certificate of Authorization (COA) 2011-ESA-74 is valid from February 4, 2012 through February 3, 2013. Should a renewal become necessary, the proponent shall advise the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in writing, no later than 60 days prior to the requested effective date.

General Provisions:

- The review of this activity is based on our current understanding of UAS operations, and the impact of such operations in the NAS, and therefore should not be considered a precedent for future operations. As changes occur in the UAS industry, or in our understanding of it, there may be changes to the limitations and conditions for similar operations.
- All personnel connected with the UAS operation must comply with the contents of this authorization and its provisions.
- This COA will be reviewed and amended as necessary to conform to changing UAS policy and guidance.

Safety Provisions:

Unmanned Aircraft (UA) have no on-board pilot to perform see-and-avoid responsibilities, and therefore, when operating outside of restricted areas, special provisions must be made to ensure an equivalent level of safety exists for operations had a pilot been on board. In accordance with 14 CFR Part 91, General Operating and Flight Rules, Subpart J-Waivers, 91.903, Policy and Procedures, the following provisions provide acceptable mitigation of 14 CFR Part 91.111/113 and must be complied with:

- For the purpose of see-and-avoid, visual observers must be utilized at all times except in Class A airspace, restricted areas, and warning areas. The observers may either be ground based or in a chase plane. If the chase aircraft is operating more

than 100ft above/below and or ½ nm laterally, of the UA, the chase aircraft PIC will advise the controlling ATC facility.

- In order to comply with the see and avoid requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 91.111 and 91.113, the pilot-in-command and visual observers must be able to see the aircraft and the surrounding airspace throughout the entire flight; and be able to determine the aircraft's altitude, flight path and proximity to traffic and other hazards (terrain, weather, structures) sufficiently to exercise effective control of the aircraft to give right-of-way to other aircraft, and to prevent the aircraft from creating a collision hazard.
- UAS pilots will ensure there is a safe operating distance between manned and unmanned aircraft at all times in accordance with 14 CFR 91.111, *Operating Near Other Aircraft*, and 14 CFR 91.113, *Right-of-Way Rules*. Cloud clearances and VFR visibilities for Class E airspace will be used regardless of class of airspace. Additionally, UAS operations are advised to operate well clear of all known manned aircraft operations.
- The dropping or spraying of aircraft stores, or carrying of hazardous materials (included ordnance) outside of active Restricted, Prohibited, or Warning Areas is prohibited unless specifically authorized in the Special Provisions of this COA.

Airworthiness Certification Provisions:

- UA must be shown to be airworthy to conduct flight operations in the NAS.
- Public Use Aircraft must contain one of the following:
 - A civil airworthiness certification from the FAA, or
 - A statement specifying that the Department of Defense Handbook "Airworthiness Certification Criteria" (MIL-HDBK-516), as amended, was used to certify the aircraft or
 - Equivalent method of certification.

Pilot / Observer Provisions:

- **Pilot Qualifications:** UA pilots interacting with Air Traffic Control (ATC) shall have sufficient expertise to perform that task readily. Pilots must have an understanding of and comply with Federal Aviation Regulations and Military Regulations applicable to the airspace where the UA will operate. Pilots must have in their possession a current second class (or higher) airman medical certificate that has been issued under 14 CFR 67, Medical Standards and Certification, or a military equivalent. 14 CFR 91.17, Alcohol or Drugs, applies to UA pilots.
- Aircraft and Operations Requirements:
 - Flight Below 18,000 Feet Mean Sea Level (MSL).
 - UA operations below 18,000 feet MSL in any airspace generally accessible to aircraft flying in accordance with visual flight rules (VFR) require visual observers, either airborne or ground-based. Use of ATC radar alone does not constitute sufficient collision risk mitigation in airspace where uncooperative airborne operations may be conducted.

- Flights At or Above 18,000 Feet Mean Sea Level (MSL)
 - When operating on an instrument ATC clearance, the UA pilot-in-command must ensure the following:
 1. An ATC clearance has been filed, obtained and followed.
 2. Positional information shall be provided in reference to established NAS fixes, NAVAIDS, and waypoints. Use of Latitude/Longitude is not authorized.
- **Observer Qualifications:** Observers must have been provided with sufficient training to communicate clearly to the pilot any turning instructions required to stay clear of conflicting traffic. Observers will receive training on rules and responsibilities described in 14 CFR 91.111, *Operating Near Other Aircraft*, 14 CFR 91.113, *Right-of-Way Rules*, cloud clearance, in-flight visibility, and the pilot controller glossary including standard ATC phraseology and communication. Observers must have in their possession a current second class (or higher) airman medical certificate that has been issued under 14 CFR 67, Medical Standards and Certification, or a military equivalent. 14 CFR 91.17, Alcohol or Drugs, applies to UA observers.
- **Pilot-in-Command (PIC) –**
 - **Visual Flight Rules (VFR) as applicable:**
 - The PIC is the person directly responsible for the operation of the UA. The responsibility and authority of the pilot in command as described by 14 CFR 91.3 (or military equivalent), applies to the UAS PIC.
 - The PIC operating a UA in line of sight must pass at a minimum the required knowledge test for a private pilot certificate, or military equivalent, as stated in 14 CFR 61.105, and must keep their aeronautical knowledge up to date.
 - There is no intent to suggest that there is any requirement for the UAS PIC to be qualified as a crewmember of a manned aircraft.
 - Pilots flying a UA on other than instrument flight plans beyond line of sight of the PIC must possess a minimum of a current private pilot certificate, or military equivalent in the category and class, as stated in 14 CFR 61.105.
 - **Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) as applicable:**
 - The PIC is the person directly responsible for the operation of the UA. The responsibility and authority of the pilot in command as described by 14 CFR 91.3 (or military equivalent), applies to the UAS PIC.
 - The PIC must be a certified pilot (minimum of private pilot) of manned aircraft (FAA or military equivalent) in category and class of aircraft flown.
 - The PIC must also have a current/appropriate instrument rating (manned aircraft, FAA or military equivalent) for the category and class of aircraft flown.
- **Pilot Proficiency – VFR/IFR as applicable:**
 - Pilots will not act as a VFR/ IFR PIC unless they have had three qualified proficiency events within the preceding 90 days.

- The term “qualified proficiency event” is a UAS-specific term necessary due to the diversity of UAS types and control systems.
- A qualified proficiency event is an event requiring the pilot to exercise the training and skills unique to the UAS in which proficiency is maintained.
- Pilots will not act as an IFR PIC unless they have had six instrument qualifying events in the preceding six calendar months (an event that requires the PIC to exercise instrument flight skills unique to the UAS).
- **PIC Responsibilities:**
 - Pilots are responsible for a thorough preflight inspection of the UAS. Flight operations will not be undertaken unless the UAS is airworthy. The airworthiness provisions of 14 CFR 91.7, Civil Aircraft Airworthiness, or the military equivalent, apply.
 - One PIC must be designated at all times and is responsible for the safety of the UA and persons and property along the UA flight path.
 - The UAS pilot will be held accountable for controlling their aircraft to the same standards as the pilot of a manned aircraft. The provisions of 14 CFR 91.13, *Careless and Reckless Operation*, apply to UAS pilots.
- **Pilot/Observer Task Limitations:**
 - Pilots and observers must not perform crew duties for more than one UA at a time.
 - Chase aircraft pilots must not concurrently perform either observer or UA pilot duties along with chase pilot duties.
 - Pilots are not allowed to perform concurrent duties both as pilot and observer.
 - Observers are not allowed to perform concurrent duties both as pilot and observer.

Standard Provisions: These provisions are applicable to all operations unless indicated otherwise in the Special Provisions section.

- The UA PIC will maintain direct two-way communications with ATC and have the ability to maneuver the UA per their instructions, unless specified otherwise in the Special Provisions section. The PIC shall comply with all ATC instructions and/or clearances.
- If equipped, the UA shall operate with an operational mode 3/A transponder, with altitude encoding, or mode S transponder (preferred) set to an ATC assigned squawk.
- If equipped, the UA shall operate with position/navigation lights on at all times during flight.
- The UA PIC shall not accept any ATC clearance requiring the use of visual separation or sequencing.
- VFR cloud clearances and visibilities for Class E airspace will be used regardless of class of airspace the UAS is operating in, except when operating in Class A airspace where 14 CFR Part 91.155 will apply.
- Special VFR is not authorized.

- Operations (including lost link procedures) shall not be conducted over populated areas, heavily trafficked roads, or an open-air assembly of people.
- Operations outside of restricted areas, warning areas, prohibited areas (designated for aviation use) and/or Class A airspace may only be conducted during daylight hours, unless authorized in the Special Provisions section.
- Operations shall not loiter on Victor airways, Jet Routes, Q Routes, IR Routes, or VR Routes. When necessary, transit of airways and routes shall be conducted as expeditiously as possible.
- Operations conducted under VFR rules shall operate at appropriate VFR altitudes for direction of flight (14 CFR 91.159).
- The UA PIC or chase plane PIC (whichever is applicable) will notify ATC of any in flight emergency or aircraft accident as soon as practical.
- All operators that use GPS as a sole source must check all NOTAMs and Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM). Flight into GPS test area or degraded RAIM is prohibited without specific approval in the special provisions.
- At no time will TCAS be used in any mode while operating an unmanned aircraft.
- Only one UA will be flown in the operating area unless indicated otherwise in the Special Provisions.
- A copy of this COA will be maintained on site by the PIC or designated representative.
- The Department of the Army, and/or its representatives, is responsible at all times for collision avoidance with non-participating aircraft and the safety of persons or property on the surface with respect to the UAS.

Special Provisions:

1. In the event of a lost link, the UAS pilot will immediately notify Godman ATCT at 502-624-1717/7513, state pilot intentions, and comply with the following provisions:
 - Aircraft will comply with lost link procedures as outlined in Attachment 2.
 - If lost link occurs within a restricted or warning area, or the lost link procedure above takes the UA into the restricted or warning area – the aircraft will not exit the restricted or warning areas until the link is re-established.
 - The UA lost link mission will not transit or orbit over populated areas.
 - When outside of restricted/warning area airspace, lost link programmed procedures will avoid unexpected turn-around and/or altitude changes and will provide sufficient time to communicate and coordinate with ATC.
 - Lost link orbit points shall not coincide with the centerline of Victor airways.
2. Operations by United States Army Garrison Command will be conducted according to strict adherence to their COA application, including all attached documents provided to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Operation of the Shadow (RQ-7B) aircraft is approved within the confines of the location described in the application, in Class D at or below 2,400 feet above ground level

(AGL). Operations will be under the jurisdiction of Godman Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT).

3. The Shadow (RQ-7B) UA must be operated in strict compliance with all manufacturers' recommendations as well as provisions and conditions in the most recent Airworthiness Certification Statement dated October 25, 2011. This includes all manufacturer's manuals, instructions, and operating procedures. Any changes or revisions to the current Airworthiness Certification Statement will be provided to the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Office (AFS-407) for review.
4. A configuration control program must be in place for hardware or software changes made to the UAS. If a new or revised Airworthiness Release is generated as a result of changes in the hardware or software affecting the operating characteristics of the UAS, no further flight is authorized until AFS-407 has reviewed these changes.
5. Pilot-in-command (PIC) means the person who has final authority and responsibility for the operation and safety of the flight and has been designated as PIC before or during the flight and holds the appropriate category, class and type rating, if appropriate, for the conduct of flight. The PIC must control the aircraft (or override authority to assume control) during all UAS operations.
6. The PIC must have at least a current FAA private pilot's certificate or the FAA accepted agency equivalent, based on the application or Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 61 for any operations above 400 feet AGL in Class G airspace, and all operations in Class D and E airspace.
7. The PIC must conduct a pre-takeoff briefing which includes a briefing on the contents of the COA, the maximum altitudes to be flown, initial heading, frequencies to be used, lost link procedures, the parameters for the use of a ditch point, a risk analysis for the flight being flown, emergency procedures, communications with air traffic control (ATC), frequencies to be monitored for flight operations and a briefing on the expected duration of flight.
8. A copy of the COA must be at the site whenever UA operations are being conducted. All crewmembers including the PIC and visual observers must read and adhere to the contents and special provisions in the COA.
9. UAS operations are not authorized when Godman ATCT is closed.
10. Manned aircraft and UA operations will not occur simultaneously on the same runway.
11. Traffic pattern operations which include both manned and unmanned are prohibited.

12. There will be no UAS training in the Godman Class D airspace; all UAS training will occur in Restricted Area R-3704.
13. A maximum of one UA will be flown and controlled at one time for each ground control station.
14. A frequency integrity check must be performed prior to the launch of the UA.
15. Sterile-cockpit procedures must be observed during critical phases of flight. Crew Resource Management practices will be used during all UA operations.
16. The PIC shall not engage in any activity not directly related to flying the aircraft. Such activities include, but are not limited to, operating UAS sensors/payload, cell phone conversations (except with ATC) and similar activities.
17. The use of cell phones or other telephonic communication is restricted to the operational control of the UAS, and any required communications with ATC. Battery powered communication modes shall be charged and tested prior to flight operations.
18. Twenty-four hours prior to UAS operations, the proponent shall notify Godman ATCT and advise of the time for commencing and termination of operations and the NOTAM number for planned activities.
19. Visual Observer Provisions:
 - a) The UA will not be permitted to operate beyond line-of-sight.
 - b) Use of visual observers in a linear fashion away from the control station (daisy chaining) is prohibited.
 - c) If a visual observer loses sight of the UA, notify the PIC immediately. If the UA is visually reacquired promptly, the mission may continue. If not, the UA must follow lost link procedures as stated in the COA application or immediately terminate the flight.
 - d) Any visual observer, sensor operator, or other person charged with providing collision avoidance for the Shadow (RQ-7B) UA must have immediate communications with the PIC. If a visual observer loses communication with the PIC, the PIC will follow lost link procedures as stated in the COA application or terminate the flight immediately.
20. Godman ATCT may terminate or delay the provisions of the COA at any time it deems a sufficient level of safety for operations is not met.
21. The holder of this COA, or delegated representative, is responsible for halting or canceling activity in the operating area if, at any time, the safety of persons or

property on the ground or in the air is in jeopardy, or if there is a failure to comply with the terms or conditions of this waiver.

22. The U.S. Army Garrison Command is responsible to ensure the safety of flight and adequate visual range coverage to mitigate any potential collisions with manned and unmanned aircraft and hazards to persons on the ground.
23. Night Operations are prohibited. UAS night operations are those operations that occur between the end of evening civil twilight and the beginning of morning civil twilight, as published in the American Air Almanac, converted to local time. (Note: this is equal to approximately 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise).
24. Special provision 1 and 18 will be used in lieu of maintaining direct two-way communications with ATC (Standard Provisions, bullet one).

NOTAM: A distance (D) Notice to Airmen shall be issued when UA operations are being conducted. This requirement may be accomplished through your local base operations or NOTAM issuing authority. You may also complete this requirement by contacting Flight Service Station at 1-877-4-US-NTMS (1-877-487-6867) not more than 72 hours in advance, but not less than 48 hours prior to the operation and provide:

- Name and Address of pilot filing NOTAM request
- Location, Altitude or the operating Area
- Time and nature of the activity

NOTE FOR PROPONENTS FILING THEIR NOTAM WITH DoD ONLY: This requirement to file with the AFSS is in addition to any local procedures/requirements for filing through DINS. The FAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office is working with the AFSS, and to eliminate the requirement to file a NOTAM with both the AFSS and DINS in the near future.

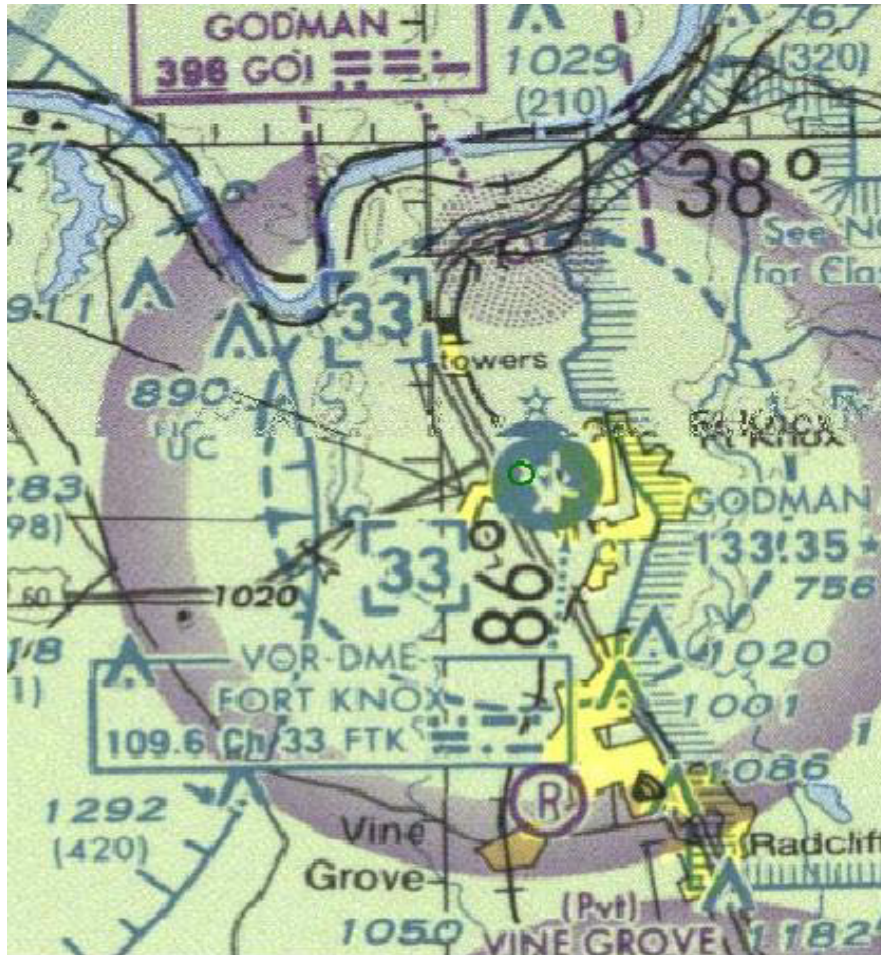
Incident / Accident and Normal Reporting Provisions: The following information is required to document routine and unusual occurrences associated with UAS activities in the NAS.

- The proponent for the COA shall provide the following information to Donald.E.Grampp@faa.gov on a monthly basis:
 - Number of flights conducted under this COA.
 - Pilot duty time per flight.
 - Unusual equipment malfunctions (hardware/software).
 - Deviations from ATC instructions.
 - Operational/coordination issues.
 - All periods of loss of link (telemetry, command and/or control)

- The following shall be submitted via COA Online, email or phone (202-385-4542, (b)(6)) to Donald.E.Grampp@faa.gov **within 24 hours and prior to any additional flight under this COA:**
 - All accidents or incidents involving UAS activities, including lost link.
 - Deviations from any provision contained in the COA.

This COA does not, in itself, waive any Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) nor any state law or local ordinance. Should the proposed operation conflict with any state law or local ordinance, or require permission of local authorities or property owners, it is the responsibility of the Department of the Army to resolve the matter. This COA does not authorize flight within Special Use Airspace without approval from the Using Agency. The Department of the Army is hereby authorized to operate the Shadow RQ-7B Unmanned Aircraft System in the operations area depicted in "Activity" above and attachment 1 below.

Attachment 1



Attachment 2

Lost Link / Mission Procedures:

In the event of lost link, operators are equipped with VHF/UHF communications, cell phone and maintain contact with Godman ATC Tower, (502) 624-1717/7513. Unit will also inform Range Branch and Godman Tower upon recovery of the UA. Position reports will be relayed upon request.

Lost-Link: In the event of a lost link, the unit must notify the Range Branch Firing Desk and Godman Tower immediately and report last known location and which previously established lost link location is to be used. UAS should be programmed to spiral to 7100ft MSL and proceed to either Point Baker (if operating from GAAF) located at the junction of Baker Road and Wilson Road (EG 92269 99644 or 37° 56' 23.5"N 85° 57' 59.9"W) or Point Cedar (if operating from Cedar Creek Airstrip) located at the intersection of 745th Tank Battalion Way and Kelly Road (FG 03107 86117 - 37° 48' 59.96" N 85° 46' 42.74W). UAS will remain in orbit at that point in an attempt to regain the signal.

