

ADDENDUM TO CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION (COA) 2008-WSA-22

ISSUED TO: Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Customs and Border Protection are using a Predator B Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) in support of their National Security Mission (b) (7)(E). The complete UAS operational area is defined in the primary COA, 2008-WSA-22. Generally, CBP operations will be conducted in (b) (7)(E) specifically defined in the aforementioned COA. However, CBP has a need to occasionally respond to real-time law enforcement activity beyond the boundaries of the primary operating area. This addendum provides authorization for expanded CBP UAS operations beyond the primary containment area on real-time law enforcement activity when traditional CBP aircraft and/or ground assets are not available.

DATES OF USE: This addendum is valid from January 20, 2009 through September 30, 2009 daily.

RENEWAL AND REVISIONS:

Should a renewal and/or revision become necessary, the proponent shall advise this office, in writing, no later than 60 days prior to the requested effective date. That request may be incorporated into the next renewal request for the operational COA of the (b) (7)(E). The operating conditions shall then be incorporated into the primary COA upon requested renewal of that document.

OPERATIONAL AREA:

The CBP Predator B UAS primary operational area is defined in attachment #1 of the primary COA. This operational area includes (b) (7)(E). The CBP operational area that coincides with (b) (7)(E) is addressed in Letter(s) of Procedure (LOP) between CBP and the using agency(ies) assuming the responsibilities for the participating aircraft in those areas. Where such an agreement (b) (7)(E). These LOP's are attached (attachment #3) to the primary COA and are reviewed by the FAA prior (b) (7)(E). It is understood by all parties that because these LOPs are in place, ATC considers CBP a participating aircraft when in (b) (7)(E). ATC is not responsible to separate CBP from other participating aircraft (b) (7)(E) covered by the LOPs. This COA authorizes expanded operations into (b) (7)(E) (attachment 1).

PROCEDURES:

The following procedures are applicable for operations in (b) (7)(E) . The procedures supplement, but do not supersede, the special provisions contained in the primary COA.

1. (b) (7)(E) [Redacted]
2. Coordination: AMOC shall notify (b) (7)(E) [Redacted]
3. A request to operate (b) (7)(E) indicates CBP has accomplished all coordination with the using agency per the separation agreements.
4. Lost Link / Emergency procedures: In the event of a lost link or emergency the Pilot will notify Albuquerque Center as soon as possible, on the assigned frequency (b) (7)(E) [Redacted]
5. (b) (7)(E) [Redacted]



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ATTACHMENT 1

(b)(7)(E), Redacted information is an image



NOTE: (b) (7)(E) includes (b) (7)(E)