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Breaking Developments - Will You Need To Register Your Drone?

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Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly known as drones, have evolved rapidly and are now frequently used in situations that only a few years ago would have seemed like the stuff of an action-adventure movie. From military applications where trained, combat-experienced pilots operate UAS vehicles from consoles thousands of miles away to hobbyists who fly a small aircraft around a local field, drones are filling the skies of the world, and the national airspace of the United States, in unprecedented numbers. Larger numbers of increasingly sophisticated and powerful drones are expected in the future as the technology that supports these vehicles races ahead.

The need to impose some type of regulation over drones was recognized almost immediately. The necessity of a regulatory framework was demonstrated by recent events such as airspace conflict between UAS

vehicles and commercial airliners, an exponential increase in drone sightings by commercial pilots, and the use of a UAS vehicle to drop drugs into a prison complex in Ohio, which sparked a mini-riot among the inmates. While complex registration requirements were imposed upon commercial drone operators earlier this year, in October the Federal Aviation Administration, perhaps sensing the inadequacy of this effort, created a task force to provide recommendations for regulation of all UAS vehicles operated in the national airspace.

Equipped with the cumbersome name of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Registration Task Force Aviation Rulemaking Committee, the group was charged with the development of recommendations for how and to what extent the FAA would regulate all drones. The members of the task force were di-

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Speaker: Mary Jenkins

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verse, and included representatives from the Air Line Pilots Association, the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, drone manufacturers and major retailers such as Amazon and WalMart.

The task force met for three days in early November 2015, and on November 21 released its final report and recommendations, which were accepted by the FAA on November 23, 2015. The agency is now moving forward to convert the recommendations of the task force into rules and regulations, with the objective of having a system in place before the expected avalanche of holiday drones occurs.

The major recommendations of the task force, which are expected to find their way into the Federal Aviation Regulations, are:

1. Registration requirements will apply to all UAS vehicles operating in the national airspace that weigh less than 55 pounds and more than 250 grams, which is slightly more than one-half a pound. (Drones above 55 pounds will be required to register as aircraft, while those below the minimum weight were considered by the task force as too small to justify registration.)

2. A web-based, electronic registration system will be established that will allow owners of drones to input certain data and immediately receive a registration number and electronic registration certificate. The system will be designed to allow, at the option of the owner, the serial number of the drone vehicle to be used as the registration number.

The registration number (or serial number) must be displayed on the vehicle in a manner in which it is visible without the need to resort to tools, such as in a battery compartment that can be accessed by hand. Registration numbers are required to be displayed before the vehicle is flown.

3. An owner of multiple drone vehicles may obtain a single registration number.

4. Fees for registration of drones will be either non-existent or minimal. (The task force recommended that if the FAA is required to charge for registration, the amount be set at .10 of one cent.)

5. Persons under the age of 13 will be not permitted to register a drone. (The task force made no recommendations regarding an age cut-off for operation of a UAS vehicle, and stated that children could register under the name of a parent or guardian.)

6. Owners need provide only a name and address to obtain a registration number, and need not be a citizen of the United States. Provision of telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to the registration data base is optional. (The task force made no recommendation concerning whether a UAS owner who changes their address must notify the registration database.)

7. The task force recommended that the FAA adopt a lenient penalty structure for individuals found to be operating drones in violation of the registration requirement. (Currently, the penalty for operating an unregistered aircraft can be as high as \$25,000, which the task force found unwarranted in the case of a drone.)

The adoption of the task force recommendations by the FAA is not the end of drone regulation. The task force said nothing regarding the specific rules under which drones are to be flown, or whether the operating regulations that govern standard aircraft are equally applicable to UAS vehicles. As drone technology advances at a rapid pace and their popularity increases, the Federal Aviation Administration and the law will be challenged to keep pace.

For more information, contact [Christopher F. Johnson](#).

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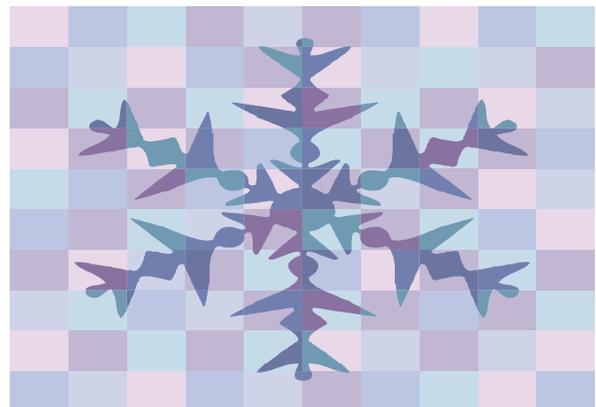
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