

To the attention of CIAM Delegates from FAI Members countries concerned by EASA regulation on UA Operations

(with copy to CIAM Bureau and to Alternate CIAM Delegates)

Dear CIAM Delegate,

After my 1st December email (see below), we (FAI) have received the position of Switzerland suggesting to exclude aeromodelling more clearly from the EASA 'Prototype' Regulation on UA Operations with an amended Article 15. This proposal has been supported by different countries.

The next EASA meeting is 23 and 24 January and the fourth (and last announced) meeting is 15 and 16 February. So, I have now, as FAI representative, to transmit to EASA our position on the amended Article 15 as proposed at the 21 November kick-off meeting of the EASA Expert Group (see my 1st December email below).

Find attached the FAI document regarding model flying activities that we propose to send to EASA.

This document includes a revised wording of Article 15 based on Switzerland proposal. The new wording of the Article 15 we proposed (annex 1 of the document) is as follows:

Article 15 - Provisions for model aircraft operations

The recreational operations, such as leisure flights, air displays, sports and/or competition activities, conducted with model aircraft with a flying mass below 25 kg and operated during all flight within visual line of sight are proved to achieve a high level of safety record. They will be exclusively regulated by national authorities and the following provisions shall apply:

- 1. By [2 years after entry into force of this Regulation - estimate 2020], each national authority shall issue regulation covering the above described operations of model aircraft. Till national regulation is going to be issued, the above described operations of model aircraft will be exercised with no restrictions in the concerned country.*
- 2. A national regulation issued under this article can be issued without the need to conduct the operational risk assessment referred to in UAS.SPEC.60.*

It will be helpful if we may mention to EASA that we have a large support on this new proposal from the concerned FAI members.

It is also necessary that a maximum of the National Authority representatives in the EASA Expert Group support our position. So, it will be appropriate that you do within your country lobbying to convince your National Aviation Authority to support our position concerning model flying activities. You will find attached for your information the list of the EASA Expert Group members.

We will also appreciate that you inform me if you already have a national regulation in their country on unmanned aircraft ('drone') for recreational and/or sport / competition purposes.

Your answer (particularly acceptance or remarks on the attached FAI document) **is waited before end January**. Thank you in advance for your implication.

Regards.

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