

Miscellaneous

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General Permission

Small Unmanned Aircraft with a Mass Greater than 7kg – Operations above 400ft within Controlled Airspace and/or Aerodrome Traffic Zones

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), in accordance with article 94A(1) of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order') as amended, grants permission to the SUA operator and remote pilot of a small unmanned aircraft that has a mass of more than 7kg excluding its fuel but including any articles or equipment installed in or attached to the aircraft at the commencement of its flight, to be flown at a height of more than 400 feet above the surface within controlled airspace or within an aerodrome traffic zone subject to the conditions set out in paragraphs 2 to 4 below.
- 2) This permission is only applicable to small unmanned aircraft flying in airspace described in article 94(4) sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Order (see Note 2) and in accordance with the requirements for that airspace as set out in that article.
- 3) This permission does not apply to any flight within the flight restriction zone of a protected aerodrome (within the meaning given in article 94B of the Order) (see Note 2).
- 4) This permission does not exempt the remote pilot from the obligation to comply with the requirements of article 94(3) of the Order. The small unmanned aircraft must not be operated beyond the unaided visual line of sight of the remote pilot (see Note 2).
- 5) This permission has effect from the date it is signed until varied, suspended or revoked.

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Notes

1. This permission has been issued in order to rectify an unintended consequence within Statutory Instrument (SI) 2018 No. 623 "The Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2018". This resulted in air traffic control units no longer being able to allow small unmanned aircraft with a mass greater than 7kg to fly within the airspace that they control at heights of more than 400 feet above the surface. This permission reinstates the previous situation and so allows an air traffic control unit, having already permitted a flight of a small unmanned aircraft within the controlled airspace or the aerodrome traffic zone that it is responsible for, to permit that small unmanned aircraft to fly in excess of 400 feet above the surface within that same airspace.
2. Details of articles 94(3), 94(4) and 94B of the Order can be found in CAP 1687 (www.caa.co.uk/cap1687).