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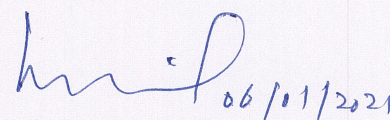
ORDER

SUBJECT: Conditional exemption from Rule 15A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 to facilitate conduct of BVLOS experimental flights of drones under the supervision of the Monitoring Team

- (1) Whereas the Central Government constituted a Committee, namely, "BVLOS Experiment Assessment and Monitoring (BEAM) Committee" to invite EOI proposals from private consortia to undertake BVLOS experimental flights of drones;
- (2) Whereas EOI notice was issued for the above purpose in May, 2019 and 34 proposals were received in response to the said EOI notice;
- (3) Whereas the Technical Sub-Committee of BEAM evaluated the proposals and recommended seven (07) consortia for the experimental flights;
- (4) Whereas the BEAM Committee has considered the matter and has approved the conduct of experimental flights by the seven (07) consortia in addition to the thirteen (13) consortia approved earlier for this purpose vide this Ministry's Order No. AV-11013/2/2019-A-MOCA-Part(1) dated 18 April 2020 under the supervision of the Monitoring Team to be constituted for this purpose; and
- (5) Whereas it is considered necessary in the public interest to conduct the BVLOS experimental flights, even though the drones to be deployed for such flights may not meet the requirements of UIN and Operator Permit stipulated under Rule 15A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937;

Now, therefore, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 160 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, grants conditional exemption to the seven consortia (list attached) from the provisions of the Rule 15A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 for conducting the BVLOS experimental flights, subject to the following conditions: -

- i. The experimental flights shall be conducted only with rotary wing drones;
- ii. The experimental flights shall be conducted utilising the services of trained operators under the supervision of the Monitoring Team set up by the BEAM Committee;
- iii. The experimental flights shall be conducted in air space approved by AAI and the drones shall be geo-fenced to ensure that they do not cross the approved airspace boundaries;
- iv. The requirements of DGCA's CAR dated 27.08.2018 shall be complied with, except to the extent relaxation has been granted by DGCA and MoCA; and
- v. This exemption shall be valid up to 31st December 2021 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

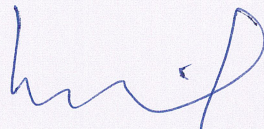


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List of 07 Consortia mentioned in MoCA Order No. AV-11013/2/2019-A-MOCA-Part(1) dated 06 Jan 2021 for experimental BVLOS Operations

- 1) AutoMicroUAS Aerotech Pvt. Ltd.
- 2) Centillion Networks Pvt. Ltd.
- 3) Marut Dronetech Pvt. Ltd.
- 4) Skylark Drones & Swiggy
- 5) Terradrone Consortium B
- 6) The Consortium
- 7) Virginia Tech India


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