

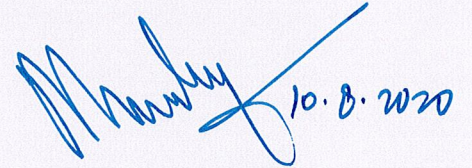
AV-29017/17/2020-SDnIT-MOCA  
Government of India  
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated 10 Aug 2020

**ORDER**

**SUBJECT: Exemption under Rule 160 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 from the provisions of Rule 15A for conducting remote pilot training at Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad, using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems**

1. Whereas, Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad (the 'Applicant') had, vide email dated 18 Jul 2020 sought an exemption from Rule 15A and CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I for conducting remote pilot training using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS).
2. Whereas, based on the request of and undertaking provided by the Applicant, DGCA, vide letter no. DGCA-27046/8/2020-AED-DGCA dated 10 Aug 2020 accorded exemption to the Applicant from the CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I for conducting remote pilot training using RPAS.
3. Now, therefore, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 160 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, grants conditional exemption to the Applicant for a period as stated in the above-mentioned letter from DGCA or until further orders, whichever is earlier; from the provisions of Rule 15A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 for remote pilot training using RPAS. This shall be subject to complete adherence to the conditions as mentioned in the DGCA letter (copy enclosed).



(Amber Dubey)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To:

1. All Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India
2. Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of all States/ Union Territories
3. DGPs/ Heads of Police of all States/ Union Territories
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9. DG, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), New Delhi
10. Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI), New Delhi
11. PS to HMoSCA (IC), Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
12. Sr. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
13. National Informatics Centre (NIC) team, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi
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(Kind attention: Air Commodore R V Kumar (YSM), Accountable manager)

**Subject: Permission for conducting remote pilot training at Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems-Regd.**

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to letter No. APFT/RPA/MOCA/ 2020/1 dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and subsequent correspondence regarding permission for conducting pilot training at Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems.

Based on the information provided and undertaking, this office hereby accords exemption from CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I, Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad for conducting remote pilot training using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems. The above stated exemption shall be valid for a period of 1 year from the date of issue of this letter or until the operationalization of Digital Sky Platform, whichever is earlier.

However, this exemption shall be valid only if all conditions and limitations as stated in Annexure-I to this letter are strictly adhered to. In case of violation of any condition, this exemption shall become null and void.

Encl.: As stated

(G. Rajasekar)


Joint Director General of Civil Aviation  
for Director General of Civil Aviation

Copy for information to:

1. Joint Secretary (Internal Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi 110003
2. Joint Secretary (Sh. Amber Dubey), Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi 110003
3. Director, G-Wing, Ministry of Defence, South Block, New Delhi 110001
4. The Executive Director (ASM), Airport Authority of India, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi 110003- carry out the verification and oversight of exact co-ordinates of RPAS flying and other essential permission.
5. DDG (IR), DGCA HQ- regarding permission for Aerial Photography (if applicable).
6. Director DFT, DGCA HQ- carry out the approval of TPM (Training Procedure Manual) prior to the actual operation and carry out the oversight and implementation of CAR regulatory mandates of flying RPAS for training purpose.
7. DDG (Air Safety) - DGCA HQ.

Conditions and limitations to Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad for conducting remote pilot training at Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems

1. This exemption to Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad from the relevant provisions of CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I, is subject to exemption from Rule 15A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 by Ministry of Civil Aviation.
2. The Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall obtain necessary clearances from (a) Local Administration (b) Ministry of Defence (c) Ministry of Home Affairs (d) Air Defence clearance from Indian Air Force and (e) Airport Authority of India (AAI) prior to operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS).
3. The Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall only operate the RPAS model Staredge (UIN U10000P)
4. Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall submit the TPM (Training Procedure Manual) for approval to Directorate of Flying Training, DGCA, prior to the actual operations.
5. Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall take necessary permission regarding Aerial Photography, if applicable, from Directorate of Regulations & Information, DGCA.
6. The photographs/video-graphs, if taken through RPAS shall be used by The Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad only. Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall be responsible for security of RPAS and data collected through RPAS.
7. The operation of RPAS shall be restricted to day operations (from sunrise to Sunset), within Visual Line Of Sight (VLOS).
8. The Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall indemnify DGCA from any legal cases or any other issues arising due to these operations.
9. The Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall ensure that the RPAS is in working condition and shall be responsible for any eventualities due to malfunction / disorientation of equipment.
10. In case of any injury to any person due to physical contact with the equipment, Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall be responsible for medico-legal issues.
11. The Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall have adequate level of insurance to cover any damage to third party resulting from accident / incident occurred during the operation of RPAS.
12. The Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall ensure that hazardous material or variable payload are not carried in / using the RPA under any circumstances.
13. Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall ensure safety, security and privacy of public, property, operator etc. Further, in case of any eventuality, DGCA shall not be held responsible.
14. Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall not operate the RPAS in no-fly zones specified in Para 13.1 of the CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I without the approval of concerned Ministries/ authorities.
15. RPAS shall not be operated in the vicinity of airport as per the provisions of the CAR. If operated near the airport, approval from Airports Authority of India (AAI) shall be taken in advance regarding time and area of operations of RPAS.
16. The Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy, Hyderabad shall ensure that only trained / experienced bona fide personnel operates the RPAS.
17. This letter shall not override other restrictions / SOP on Remotely Piloted Aircraft System framed by other Government Agencies.
18. In case of incident/accident during at any phase of the operations, reports to be submitted to Air Safety Directorate of DGCA.

  
10/08/2020.