



National Authorization

February 24, 2024

Tyler Dobbs
Senior Director of Government Affairs
Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)
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Dear Mr. Dobbs,

This letter responds to your request, dated February 23, 2024, for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorization to deviate from Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) § 89.105 to operate unmanned aircraft without broadcasting remote identification information for the purpose of participation in AMA sanctioned events. AMA sanctioned events are sponsored by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and are conducted within visual line of sight and under the AMA Safety Programming approved by the FAA.

On behalf of the FAA Administrator, I hereby authorize participants in AMA sanctioned events pursuant to § 89.105 to operate unmanned aircraft in the airspace of the United States without broadcasting remote identification information pursuant to the following Conditions and Limitations.

Conditions and Limitations

1. This letter of authorization shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, or of any State or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing local laws or regulations.
2. The holder of this letter of authorization shall be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained herein.
3. This authorization is nontransferable.
4. This authorization only applies to unmanned aircraft operations conducted within visual line of sight (VLOS) by participants in AMA sanctioned events.
5. Not less than 24 hours prior to conducting operations that are the subject of this Authorization, a UAS Operating Area Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) must be filed.

The NOTAM must include location, altitude, day, and time of the unmanned aircraft operations.

6. A record, including the location, date, and time, of all AMA sanctioned events conducted pursuant to this authorization shall be kept and provided upon the request of any authorized representative of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.
7. Nothing in this authorization provides relief, regulatory or otherwise, from seeking airspace authorizations as required by the applicable operating rules.
8. This authorization does not provide relief from the production requirements in 14 CFR § 89.515, which requires unmanned aircraft produced after September 16, 2022, to have Standard Remote Identification, unless excepted under § 89.501(c).

This authorization is effective immediately and terminates on February 28, 2026, unless sooner superseded, rescinded, or extended.

The Administrator may rescind this authorization at any time. Failure to comply with all of the Conditions and Limitations of this authorization may result in suspension or rescission of this authorization by the FAA.

If you need further assistance, please contact the FAA's Emerging Technologies Division via email at RIDAuthorizations@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

for

Joseph Morra
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