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Dear Mr. Williams,

Regulations governing the operation of remotely piloted aircraft have been published in *Canada Gazette II* as Part IX of the *Canadian Aviation Regulations*. These regulations will come into force June 1 2019. Until that time members of the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC) may continue to operate their model aircraft in accordance with Canadian Aviation Regulation 602.45 and MAAC's guidelines.

After June 1 2019, Part IX of the *Canadian Aviation Regulations* will apply to all remotely piloted aircraft operated in Canada including what is currently considered a model aircraft. Recognizing MAAC's aviation safety history, we are working with the association to develop an exemption to Part IX. The exemption will be in force by June 1 2019 so that MAAC members may enjoy their hobby either by complying with Part IX or under the terms of the future exemption.

We continue to communicate regularly with stakeholders, including NAV CANADA, law enforcement agencies, and municipalities, to ensure that they have the most relevant and up-to-date information with respect to drone safety regulations. Further, we are launching an outreach and education campaign to communicate the changing regulations to the Canadian public and the drone sector. These communication efforts will continue to emphasize that, until June 1, drone pilots must fly under the current rules.

We look forward to working with you and your members to ensure the safe operation of remotely piloted aircraft in Canada.

Regards,



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