

CLIENT GUIDANCE NOTE

Under new regulations issued by the UAE Civil Aviation Authorities, commercial RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) or UAV (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) /drone operators engaged by Client groups must satisfy the following criteria;

1. Trade Licence specifying 'Aerial' work;
2. NOC for same from appropriate Emirate CAA;
3. 'Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operator's Certificate' (UOC) as issued by the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA); effective from 1st October 2016;
4. UAV /Drone Pilots engaged by the Commercial Operator must have passed the GCAA pilot exam. In the case of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, pilots flying aircraft in Dubai airspace must also possess an RPAS Registration Card having completed a course at an approved training academy.
5. Proprietary RPAS insurance, allow for Public Liability cover for at least AED2M each and every incident.

Illegal Operators now face jail terms and heavy financial penalties under the UAE Civil Aviation Law, with the GCAA expecting party with knowledge of unauthorized Operators to report such activity vis the "VORSY" (Voluntary Reporting System) accessible via GCAA web site (www.gcaa.gov.ae)