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MAA/RN/2023/05 - Implementing future Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) Regulation – Potential Roadmap

Issue

1. This Regulatory Notice (RN) accompanies the release of updated Regulated Articles for RPAS under Notice of Authorized Amendment (NAA) 23/56. Further development of RPAS Regulation is expected sooner than under the normal quinquennial cycle of Regulatory review. Engagement with the Regulated Community (RC) is desired at an early stage, before the normal process of consultation managed through Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA).

Scope

2. This RN provides a broad indication of future Regulatory development. Such development remains subject to change. NPAs will be issued for RC feedback in due course, but early engagement is welcome, with the RC invited to submit Requests For Change to guide development of Regulation.

Roadmap – Future Development Themes

3. Proportionate and permissive Regulation for:
 - a. Specific Operations Risk Assessment (SORA) v2.5 methodology.
 - b. Pre-Defined Risk Assessments (PDRA).
 - c. Assurance in a similar way to the Design Approved Organization Scheme (DAOS).
 - d. High Altitude Balloons and Tethered RPAS Operations.
 - e. Traffic Management of Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) in non-segregated Airspace.
4. Investigate the possibility of Small Armed RPAS (Sub-25 kg) operating in the Open and Specific S1 sub-categories.
5. Revision of RPAS-specific advice and course validation in Test and Evaluation (RA 2370).

Further Information

6. Any observations, or requests for further guidance, on the content of this RN should be submitted by email to DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk, this will be forwarded to the relevant Head of Branch to staff accordingly.

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