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PART 10

Prohibited behaviour, directives, rules, powers and penalties

CHAPTER 4

Powers and penalties

[^{F1}Minimum age requirements: UAS operators and remote pilots

265D.—(1) In accordance with Article 9(3)(a) of the Unmanned Aircraft Implementing Regulation, the minimum age for remote pilots operating a UAS in the ‘open’ category is lowered from 16 years to 12 years.

(2) The minimum age of 16 years for remote pilots operating a UAS in the ‘specific’ category is lowered—

- (a) to 14 years in accordance with Article 9(3)(b) of the Unmanned Aircraft Implementing Regulation; or
- (b) when operating in the framework of model aircraft clubs or associations, to 14 years or any lower minimum age provided for in an authorisation issued in accordance with Article 16 of that Regulation.

(3) A UAS operator must not cause or permit an unmanned aircraft other than a tethered small unmanned aircraft to be flown by a remote pilot who does not meet the minimum age for operating a UAS required by Article 9 of the Unmanned Aircraft Implementing Regulation, subject to paragraphs (1) and (2).

(4) A UAS operator who contravenes paragraph (3) is guilty of an offence.

(5) Paragraphs (3) and (4) cease to have effect on IP completion day.

(6) In the case of an individual, the CAA must not issue a unique digital registration number to a UAS operator in accordance with Article 14(6) of the Unmanned Aircraft Implementing Regulation unless the UAS operator is at least 18 years of age.

(7) In this article—

- (a) ‘open’ category means a category of UAS operations that is defined in Article 4 of the Unmanned Aircraft Implementing Regulation;
- (b) ‘specific’ category means a category of UAS operations that is defined in Article 5 of the Unmanned Aircraft Implementing Regulation.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Arts. 265A-265F inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Air Navigation \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1555\)](#), arts. 1(2), **9** (with art. 13)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Air Navigation Order 2016, Section 265D.