

CHAPTER 13 OPERATION OF FOREIGN REGISTERED RPA

13.01 Permission to operate foreign registered RPA

- (1) This section is for subregulation 101.099 (1) of CASR.
- (2) In this section:

Australian civil aviation legislation means the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* (the *Act*), the regulations made under the Act, and any legislative instruments made under the Act or the regulations.

unmanned aircraft to which this section applies means any RPA that has been registered under a law of a foreign country but not registered in Australia.

- (3) Subject to this section and Part 47 of CASR, an unmanned aircraft to which this section applies is not required to be registered in Australia.
- (4) A person must not operate an unmanned aircraft to which this section applies unless the person:

- (a) has applied to CASA for permission to operate the aircraft, in accordance with the approved form for such applications; and

Note The approved form requires the applicant to supply the details of all of the following for the aircraft (as applicable): any manufacturer's serial number; any electronic identification; any mark or other visual identification attached or displayed.

- (b) has paid the legislated fee for such a permission; and
 - (c) has obtained the written permission of CASA, and that permission:
 - (i) has not expired; and
 - (ii) has not been revoked under section 13.03; and
 - (iii) is not affected by subsection (5).

Note In the interests of safety, all permissions will be time-limited.

- (d) operates the aircraft in accordance with the conditions (if any) in the permission; and
 - (e) otherwise complies with the limitations and restrictions on the operation of an unmanned aircraft set out in the Australian civil aviation legislation; and
 - (f) when operating the aircraft, produces the permission, along with photographic identification, on request by an officer of CASA, or of an Australian police service, acting in the course of their official duties.
- (5) If, after permission has been granted, an unmanned aircraft to which this section applies is the subject of an unacceptable modification, the aircraft, as modified, must not be operated unless a new permission under this section is granted for the aircraft in its modified form.
- (6) If an unmanned aircraft to which this section applies is:
 - (a) the subject of a permission under this section; and
 - (b) subsequently modified; and
 - (c) the modification is not an unacceptable modification; then the permission:
 - (d) is taken to apply to the aircraft as modified; and
 - (e) ceases to apply to any other aircraft.

Note The effect of subsection (6) is that a permission with respect to an aircraft only ever applies to a single version of the aircraft at any time.