



Overview of Nepalese Drone Operation

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Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal

- **Established in 1998 as per CAAN Act 1996**
- **Head office at Babar Mahal Kathmandu**
- **Regulator for all aviation activities in Nepal**
- **Owner and operator of all airports in Nepal**

Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal

Board of Directors

National Aviation Security Committee

Internal Audit Department

Director General

Board / DGCA Secretariat

Civil Aviation Safety Regulation Directorate
(Aero Medical Board)

ANS Safety Standards Department

- ATM Standards Division
- ANS Licensing and Rating Division
- CNS Standard Division
- SAR/Technical Research and Safety Data Division

Aerodrome Safety Std. Department

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Flight Safety Std. Department

- Flight Standards and Licensing Division
- Airworthiness Inspection Division

ICAO, Intl. Affairs & Legal Department
AIR TRANSPORT DIVISION

Corporate Directorate

Corporate Planning and Monitoring Dept.

- Corporate Planning and Publication Division
- Assets Management and Insurance Division

Human Resource Department

- HR Planning/Policy/Program/Evaluation Division

Administration Department

Aerodrome Operations Directorate

Aerodrome Engineering Department

- Foreign Aid and Major Project Division

Rescue and Fire Fighting Department

Electro Mechanical Department

- Electrical Division
- Mechanical Division

Finance Department

Air Navigation Services Directorate

ATM Department

- ATS Division
- Air Space Planning Division
- SAR Division

Domestic Airport and Facilitation Department

- Domestic Airport Development Division

Com. & Nav. Aid Department

- Com. Nav Aid & Met Maintenance Division

CNS Planning & Development Department

- CNS Training & Rating Division
- CNS Planning and Project Implementation Division

AIM Department

- Information Division
- Publication Division
- International NOTAM Office

Tribhuvan International Airport Civil Aviation Office

Civil Aviation Academy

Domestic Airports

Historical background

- **2015 massive earthquake**
- **Foreigner and media group started to capture destruction**
- **Safety of aircraft, occupants and public is CAAN's prime responsibility**

Regulatory framework

- **Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal Act 1996 Article 5 requires any flying object shall be regulated by CAAN**
- **Flight Operations Directive 07 (2015) CAAN**
- **RPA SOP (2016) MOHA revised in (2019)**
- **Requirements for the Licensing of DRONE pilots in Personnel Licensing Requirements (PELR) of CAAN in line with ICAO regulation.**

Flight Operations Directive

Issued on- May 2015

Objective- To regulate the operation of UAVs in territory of Nepal

- **Two categories –small and large**
- **Small- less than 20kg**
- **FOD applicable for small UAVs only**

Action prohibited:

- **Dropping off any objects**
- **Conduct unsafe flight endangering safety of public**
- **Conduct flight without permission from CAA Nepal if the UAV is more than 7kg and flight is in controlled airspace and flight above 200ft**

Flights prohibited for:

- a) over or within 150 meters of any congested area;**
 - b) over or within 150 meters of an organized open-air assembly of more than 1,000 persons;**
 - c) within 50 meters of any vessel, vehicle or structure which is not under the control of the person in charge of the aircraft; or**
 - d) within 50 meters of any person**
- No flight in approach and takeoff area of airport irrespective of height**

Drone related directives (2016)

MOHA revised in (2019)

- **Main features**
- **All types of drone must be registered and Unique Identification Number (UIN) must be received from CAAN**
- **Drones are classified according to weight, purpose of flight and sensitivity of risk of flight**
- **Strong enforcement action has been imposed**

- **Category A drone which has weight up to 250 gm very low risk operation**
- **Category B drone which has weight up to 250gm-2 Kgs low risk operation**
- **Category C drone which has weight up to 2Kgs-25 Kgs Regulated low risk operation**
- **Category D drone which are more than 25 Kgs Regulated risk operation**

Qualification to operate drone

- **Minimum age is 18 years**
- **Must have basic know how of radio frequency**
- **Must have knowledge about flying equipment such as control of flight, landing and airspace**
- **Must be aware of sensitivity archaeological importance, army area restricted and prohibited area**

Weather conditions

- **Only in day light within sunrise to sunset**
- **Ground visibility more than 5 km**
- **Cloud ceiling 450 meter**
- **During rain, thunderstorm and extreme weather conditions (Don't fly)**
- **Don't fly if wind speed is more than 10 Kts**

Other Conditions

- **Within 5 km of airport and air routes**
- **5km horizontal distance from international borders**
- **1000 meters aerial distance from VVIP residence / Office/ Army, Security headquarters**
- **Area declared by govt as restricted or prohibited and areas where securities activities are going on**

Always inform local administrations of the drone operation and if asked by securities agencies then provide the data taken by drone

- For Category C and D third party liability insurance is must
- **UAV less than 2 kg flown over the private property and below 200ft AGL need no permission from CAAN**
- However in all cases drone must be registered and permission from District administration office must be obtained before flight.

Enforcement action

Violation of the provisions leads to legal action set forth in Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal Act 2053 (1996) amounting to 25,000 however as per new directives of MOHA if anybody found flying drone without permit then drone will immediately seized and brought to CAAN with police report and CAAN will auction that drone and revenue will be deposited to govt revenue account and inform to seizing authority (Police)

UAV flight permission procedure

**For registration of Drone Contact office-
Flight Safety Standards Department Sinamangal
Civil Aviation Safety Regulation Directorate
Telephone 00977-1-411075
Fax 00977-1-411141
Then they go to concerned District
Administration Office to get permission with
required details**

Challenges for CAAN

- **Recreational and commercial drone operation permission procedure with limited resources**
- **Lack of adequate surveillance mechanism**
- **Busy with conventional aviation activities**
- **Could not grow in size with rapid growth in such technical progress**
- **Lack of coordination among interline agencies such as ministry of home affairs , ministry of defense, ministry of communication and information, Nepal police local government bodies etc.**

Expectation of CAA from this workshop

- Assistance in better certification standards**
- Clear demarcation in sets of rules of regulations for commercial and sports activities**
- License issuance and conversion process**
- Continued support from all the stake holders and team work for the betterment and take benefit of this technology.**

Thank you for patience!!