

# *Les problèmes réglementaires soulevés par les drones*

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# Drone: What are we talking about?

- “Drone” used in many languages, not used in regulatory publications
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)
  - Designation not really true as the system is composed of an aircraft, a pilot station and a data link
- Unmanned Aircraft ... System (UAS)
  - It is a system, not only an aircraft
  - The aircraft is unmanned
  - The system may be manned or unmanned

# Needs for a commonly agreed terminology

- Reference : ICAO UAS Study Group (UASSG)

UAS can be “autonomous” (i.e. they do not allow pilot intervention in the management of the flight)

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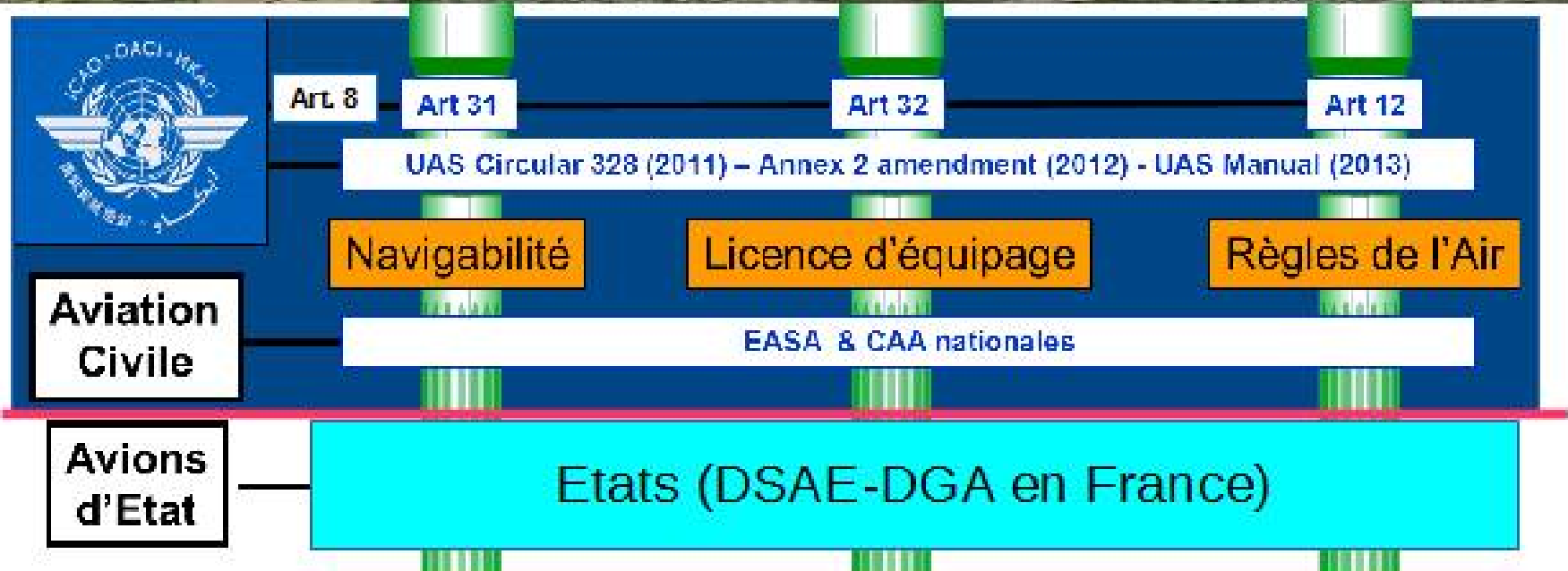
Remotely-piloted aircraft (RPA), which are unmanned aircraft piloted from a Remote pilot station (RPS)

Only the latter are currently considered by ICAO suitable for standardised international civil operations, due to **unclear responsibility** for the autonomous portion of the flight

# Needs for a commonly agreed terminology

- Reference : ICAO UAS Study Group (UASSG)
  - **Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)** are a subset of Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)
  - **A Remote pilot (RP)** is a person charged by **the operator** with duties essential to the operation of a remotely-piloted aircraft and who manipulates the flight controls, as appropriate, during flight time
  - **A Remote pilot station (RPS)** is the component of the remotely-piloted aircraft system containing the equipment used to pilot the remotely-piloted aircraft

# Three regulatory pillars to make RPAS operation safe



# 1st pillar: RPAS have to be safe to fly

RPAs have to be safe to fly (non-restrictive list):

1. Fail safe design and construction (Redundant IMU and computers, multi-engine, multi-power sources, multi axis agility...)
- 2. Robust data link**
3. Proper software design and implementation (**deterministic behavior**, provisions to lower the risk induced by **data link failures**, to protect against **malicious intrusion** or against jamming...)
- 4. Provision against risk of injuring third parties in case of a failure** (parachute? low weight? specific guidance?...)

## 2nd pillar: RPAS have to be flown safely

RPAs have to be flown safely (non-restrictive list):

1. RP have to be licensed (well educated and trained)
2. RPS design enabling the pilot to have a good situational awareness and to act timely
3. RPA flown within its design limits (see 2. above, operational manual)
4. Operator agreement definition, definition of Safety Management Systems (SMS)

# 3rd pillar: RPAS have to be operated properly

RPAs have to be operated safely (non-restrictive list):

## 1. Integration in the airspace

- See and avoid other traffic
- See and avoid other hazards
- Comply with the rules of the air

## 2. Integration in aerodromes and airports

- Same as above

## 3. Integration in the Air Traffic Management environment

- Interaction with Air Traffic controllers
- Interaction with other airspace users



# Three regulatory pillars to make RPAS operation safe

**For all three pillars:**

- **EASA and national Civil Aviation Authorities are setting rules and regulations**
  - **MTOM < 150 kg: National CAA**
  - **MTOM > 150 kg: EASA**
- **Industry has to create standards**

# RPAS: two important issues

RPAs may be too small to be detected by other aircraft:

- The symmetry in the sense & avoid principle is broken
- Is there a need to change the rules of the air? (small RPAs would always have to avoid other traffic)

Legal implications of autonomy ... to be investigated

A RPAS should not be autonomous by design but may become autonomous (data link failure)

# Roadmap for the integration of civil RPAS into the European Aviation System (Published June 2013)

## **ANNEX 3:** A study on the societal impact of the integration of civil RPAS into the European Aviation System

It addresses three main topics:

- In case of accident: liability (incl. issues like enforcement, impact of automation) and insurance
- The protection against abusive use: privacy, data protection, security
- Public acceptance of RPAS applications: benefits, acceptable risks/safety

# Roadmap for the integration of civil RPAS into the European Aviation System (Published June 2013)

- Information is given on the overall legal framework defining responsibility/liability at national and international levels
- The discussion on the impact of automation on liability allowed clarifying that:
  - RPAS are never autonomous but deterministic (never take a decision by themselves, no randomness is involved in their decision process)
  - In some cases (in degraded mode) the flight might be automatic, following a decision tree embedded in a software designed by a human responsible for its conception

***Issue limited to the liability of manufacturers or software producer (problematic in case of open source software)***

# RPAS regulations

## Severity of risk / likelihood of events

Severity Likelihood	Minimal 5	Minor 4	Major 3	Hazardous 2	Catastrophic 1
Frequent A	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	High Risk	High Risk
Probable B	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	High Risk	High Risk
Remote C	Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	High Risk
Extremely Remote D	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
Extremely Improbable E	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk

Low Risk

Medium Risk

High Risk

● Single Point or Common Cause Failure

# RPAS regulations: from none up to similar to manned aircraft's one



## RPAS Operation Categorisation

	<b>OPEN</b> (‘buy and fly’)	<b>SPECIFIC</b>	<b>REGULATED</b>
Airworthiness	Nothing	Risk mitigation	Certificates (TC, CofA)
Licensing	Nothing	Specific Training	Licence
Organisations	None	Industry attestation	Approval (ROC, etc.)
C2	Nothing	Specific Demonstrations	Certified (ETSO?)
D&A	Nothing	Industry attestation	Certified (ETSO?)

# Are there any regulatory show-stoppers to develop the RPAS market?

- **Waiting for a more permissive regulatory environment?**
  - Rules are set up by sensible and rational people
  - Sensible and rational people cannot allow to endanger people on ground or in flight



**Target levels of safety & security have to be socially acceptable / accepted**

**Safety and security requirements have to be proportionate to the risks**

**RPAS technology has still to be improved to extend RPAS types of operation**