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European foreword

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1 Scope

This document provides technical specification and verification methods to support compliance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/945 of 12 March 2019 amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1058 of 27 April 2020 on unmanned aircraft systems and on third-country operators of unmanned aircraft systems.

This includes compliance with product requirements for UAS intended to be operated under a standard scenario in the 'specific' category (class C5 and class C6 UAS).

This document covers neither UAS intended to be operated in the "Specific" or "Certified" categories of UAS operations nor UAS lighter than air (e.g. airships and balloons).

Compliance with this document assists in complying with CE marking technical requirements.

This document is only applicable for UA with energy sources based on electro-chemical technologies.

Additional hazards that occur from the characteristics of the payload are excluded and are under the responsibility of the manufacturer and operator.

The present document covers requirements expressed in Annex, Part 16 requirements (1), (3), (4) and (6) and Part 17 requirements (1), (3), (6) and (7) of the Regulation 2020/1058.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 4709-001:—,¹ Aerospace series — Unmanned Aircraft Systems — Part 001: Product requirements and verification

EN 4709-005:—,² Aerospace series — Unmanned Aircraft Systems — Part 005: Verification method for the Geocaging function

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 4709-001 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp/
- IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1

alert

indication on the equipment to control the UA remotely meant to attract the attention of and identify to the remote pilot a non-normal operational or system condition

Note 1 to entry: alerts are classified at levels or categories corresponding to Warning and Caution.

Note 2 to entry: alert indications also include non-normal range markings.

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3.2

caution

level or category of alert for conditions that require immediate remote pilot awareness and a less urgent subsequent remote pilot response than a warning alert

3.3

haptic signal

any type of signal that is transferred to the hand of the user through the handheld equipment to control the UA remotely in the form of vibrations

3.4

nominal mode

basic modes of operation encountered in normal operation in the absence of any loss of features, functions or capabilities, or degradation of performance

3.5

warning

level or category of alert for conditions that require immediate remote pilot awareness and immediate remote pilot response

3.6

orientation reference

reference providing the orientation or direction of a given map with respect to the directions on the ground or any other reference specified by the manufacturer

EXAMPLE Magnetic north.

3.7

controlled ground area

ground area where the UAS is operated and within which the UAS operator can ensure that only involved persons are present

3.8

positioning system :/catalog/stan

system of instrumental and computational components for determining position

EXAMPLES Inertial, integrated, linear, optical and satellite positioning systems

3.9

view

visual content displayed on the graphical interface, which allows the adjustable display of all the required and supportive visual information by the usage of different windows and zoom levels

3.10

field of view

geographical area that is currently displayed on the view

3.11

total station

electronic tachymeter

tachymeter with microprocessor(s), display and memory for opto-electronic distance measurement, angle reading, processing, displaying and storing of measurement data

[SOURCE: ISO 9849:2017(en), 3.1.20]

3.12

global navigation satellite system GNSS

system that comprises several networks of satellites that transmit radio signals containing time and distance data that can be picked up by a receiver, allowing the user to identify the location of the receiver anywhere around the world

[SOURCE: ISO 7078:2020, 3.1.26]

3.13

GNSS receiver

electronic device that receives and digitally processes signals from GNSS satellites in order to provide position, velocity and time (of the receiver)

[SOURCE: ISO 7078:2020, 3.5.27]

3.14

clear and concise information

extent to which an information is presented

Note 1 to entry: the information considered in this document is the geographical position (i.e. latitude and longitude, WGS 84, ...) of the UA, its speed and its height above the surface or take-off point according to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1058 of 27 April 2020 Annex, Part 16 and Part 17.

Note 2 to entry: the attributes considered are visibility, character height, object size, syntax for physical quantities and units and accuracy.

4 Product requirements and compliance for Class 5 UAS

4.1 UA configuration

4.1.1 Design requirements

Unless the UA is tethered, the UA is not equipped with fixed wings, whether or not equipped with VTOL capabilities.

4.1.2 Design verification

Unless tethered, verify by visual inspection that the UA is not equipped with fixed wings.

4.1.3 Pass criteria

The UA is not equipped with fixed wings.

4.2 Information about height of the UA

4.2.1 Performance requirements

4.2.1.1 Update rate

Refer to 5.2 for the height of the UA.

4.2.1.2 Height of the UA

Refer to 5.2 for the height of the UA.

4.2.2 Verification method

Refer to 5.2 for the height of the UA.

4.2.3 Pass criteria

Compliance with pass criteria, refer to 5.2 for the height of the UA.

4.3 Low-speed mode

4.3.1 Performance requirements

- (1) Unless tethered, the UA shall be equipped with a selectable "low-speed mode" limiting the ground speed to not more than 5 m/s.
- (2) The manufacturer shall provide in the manufacturer's instructions:
 - a. the procedure how to set the speed, how to select ("activate") and de-select ("deactivate") the "low-speed mode";
 - b. conditions and limitations that affect the "Low-speed mode".

4.3.2 Verification method

- Verify by review of the manufacturers' instructions that the UA is equipped with a "Low-speed mode".
- Determine the maximum horizontal speed of the UA when "Low-speed mode" is selected by any of the tests described in EN 4709-001:—¹, 4.2.2.
- Verify that the maximum horizontal speed in all possible flight modes and in any possible direction of level flight is not exceeded.
- Repeat the selected test 3 times and consider the maximum value measured.

4.3.3 Pass criteria ai/catalog/standards/sist/d0ef59d2-cbaa-4356-9e75-f2389f3bd064/osist-pren-4709-007-2024

- (1) Compliance with the low-speed mode requirement.
- (2) Verify by review of the manufacturer's instructions that the following is provided:
 - a. the procedure how to set the speed, how to select ("activate") and de-select ("deactivate") the "low speed mode";
 - b. conditions and limitations that affect the "Low-speed mode".

4.4 C2 link monitoring and alerting

4.4.1 Performance requirements

The UAS shall monitor the command-and-control link and shall provide to the remote pilot:

- (1) a visual signal strength indication with at least four levels (strong, medium, weak, loss of C2 link);
- (2) a visual caution signal accompanied by an aural and/or haptic alert in case of weak signal strength indication;

- (3) a visual warning signal accompanied by an aural and/or haptic alert within a period of time defined in the manufacturer's instructions after loss of C2 link. A delay of up to 5 seconds is considered as an acceptable delay. Otherwise, the manufacturer should provide a risk assessment proving the safe operation in case of C2 link loss.
- (4) (2) and (3) requirements shall be distinguishable;
- (5) The signal strength indication shall be based on an index value (or a fusion of several signal metrics) and appropriate threshold determined by the manufacturer;
- NOTE 1 Examples of these values and thresholds for different transmission technologies are given in Annex A.
- NOTE 2 For the display of the alert, colours and size recommendations are presented in Annex C.
- NOTE 3 For aural, visual and haptic alerts, guidance can be found in EN 61310-1.
- NOTE 4 Examples of visual indications:
 - warning light at the equipment to control the UA remotely;
 - text message on the display of the equipment to control the UA remotely;
 - depiction indicating the need for action on the equipment to control the UA remotely.
- (6) the manufacturer's instructions shall include detailed information and specification. The manufacturer shall define the visual signal strength indication, visual caution signal and visual warning. Aural and haptic alerts should also be described in the manufacturer's instructions with their expected scheme (such as type, frequency, duration and pattern).

4.4.2 Verification method

Carry out the following tests for each of the requirements three times:

(1) visual signal strength indication;

Turn on the UA and the equipment to control the UA remotely and check that the signal strength is 024 visually provided. Observe the signal strength indication during the tests described in EN 4709-001:—1, 6.7.1 and verify that the indication is continuously provided and reflects a reduced link quality.

(2) caution signal;

Reduce the signal strength.

NOTE 1 The test can consist of using shielding e.g. entering into building or using a shielded box without closing to reduce signal strength reception or place UA at the limits of the signal range and move away from UA with the equipment to control the UA remotely.

(3) warning signal;

Reduce signal strength to loss of connection.

NOTE 2 Perform the test per EN 4709-001:—1, 6.7.1.2.1.

(4) characteristics of caution and warning signals;