

### PERMISSION – Small Unmanned Aircraft / Small Unmanned Surveillance Aircraft.

1. The Civil Aviation Authority, in exercise of its powers under articles 94(5) and 95(2)(a) of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order'), as amended, hereby permits **Levitate Aerial Imaging Ltd** (the SUA operator), to operate small unmanned aircraft (see Note 1) of the class(es) listed in paragraph 2 below, for the purposes of commercial operations and for operations over or within 150 metres of any congested area.
2. This permission is applicable to the following class(es) of small unmanned aircraft:
  - (a) Multicopter / Helicopter.
3. This Permission is granted subject to the following conditions, namely, that the small unmanned aircraft shall not be flown:
  - (a) Other than by persons employed by or contracted to Levitate Aerial Imaging Ltd whilst being holder(s) of an appropriate recommendation issued by a UK National Qualified Entity for remote pilot competency, or an alternative existing aviation qualification determined to be acceptable to the CAA (CAP722 refers);
  - (b) Unless there is insurance cover for the small unmanned aircraft that meets the requirements of EC Regulation No. 785/2004;
  - (c) Unless the small unmanned aircraft is maintained within the direct, unaided Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) of the remote pilot, out to a maximum horizontal range of 500 metres unless a lesser control link radio range has been specified by the manufacturer;
  - (d) At a height exceeding 400 feet above the surface, unless permitted to do so under article 94A(3) of the Order;
  - (e) Within the flight restriction zone (see Note 2) of a protected aerodrome, unless in receipt of the appropriate permission as required within article 94A of the Order.
  - (f) Over or within 150 metres of an organised open-air assembly of more than 1,000 persons;
  - (g) Within 50 metres of any person, vessel, vehicle or structure that is not under the control of the SUA operator or the remote pilot, except that during take-off and landing this distance may be reduced to 30 metres;
  - (h) Unless it is equipped with a mechanism that will cause the small unmanned aircraft to land in the event of disruption to or a failure of any of its control systems, including the radio link, and the remote pilot has ensured that such mechanism is in working order before the aircraft commences its flight;
  - (i) Unless the remote pilot is reasonably satisfied that any load carried by the small unmanned aircraft is properly secured, that the aircraft is in a safe condition for the specific flight, and that the flight can safely be made taking into account the wind and other significant weather conditions; and
  - (j) Unless the flights are conducted in accordance with the current operations manual of the SUA operator, to include a site safety assessment, as well as records of each flight undertaken. The SUA operator must maintain records of each flight made pursuant to this permission, and must make such records available to the Civil Aviation Authority on request.
4. Flights at night shall only be conducted in accordance with the approved Ops Manual procedures. Prior to flying operations, a daylight reconnaissance and site safety assessment including aircraft flight-paths within the surrounding area, shall be undertaken to identify, address and record any hazards, restrictions and obstacles. The launch site shall be provided with adequate illumination and the aircraft shall be equipped with adequate conspicuity lighting. Flights shall only commence when the weather conditions are suitable for continuous VLOS operations.

5. Any occurrences that take place while the said aircraft is being operated under this Permission shall be reported in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 376/2014 (the Occurrence Reporting Regulation).
6. This permission shall have effect from **14/08/2019 until and including 21/09/2020** unless previously varied, suspended or revoked.



for the Civil Aviation Authority

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**Note 1:** 'Small unmanned aircraft' means any unmanned aircraft, other than a balloon or a kite, having a mass of not more than 20 kg without its fuel but including any articles or equipment installed in or attached to the aircraft at the commencement of its flight.

**Note 2:** The "flight restriction zone" of a protected aerodrome can be determined by reference to the table contained within ANO 2016 article 94A, paragraph 7.

**Note 3:** SUA operators and remote pilots should be aware that the collection of images of identifiable individuals, even inadvertently, when using surveillance cameras mounted on a small unmanned surveillance aircraft, may be subject to the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Further information about these regulations and the circumstances in which they apply can be obtained from the Information Commissioner's Office and website: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/drones/>

**Note 4:** SUA operators and remote pilots must be aware of their responsibilities regarding operations from private land and any requirements to obtain the appropriate permission before operating from a particular site. In particular, they must ensure that they observe the relevant trespass laws and do not unwittingly commit a trespass whilst conducting a flight.