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Amendment to BVLOS limitations for EG D207



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1. Introduction/Apologies for Absence



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2. Statement of Need

In order to provide immediate flexibility for scheduled T&E activity and for subsequent steady-state live-flying training, MOD is seeking to make EG D207 accessible to RPAS Protector RG Mk1 from mid-2024. Access to EG D207 is required above FL195 but the current BVLOS upper limit is 18000ft Alt, so amendment to / dispensation from current internal buffers is required.



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3. Issues or opportunities arising from Proposed Change



Opportunity

- MDA capacity: The ability for MOD to access EG D207 is thought to relieve pressure on other MDAs in the vicinity of main operating base RAF Waddington during the introduction of Protector into the UK airspace.

Issue

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5. Current Day Scenario



- Under new SUA Policy the limitation could simply be removed and procedures agreed with NATS, such that Protector (and other RPAS) are clear to enter and depart via Class C Controlled Airspace above.
- Agree operating limits and mitigations via a safety argument to enable Protector RG Mk1 to access EG D207 from above FL195 and to operate safely in EG D207.

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- A futuristic aircraft with long, thin, swept-back wings and a small fuselage is flying through a sky filled with large, white, puffy clouds. The aircraft is positioned in the center of the frame, angled slightly upwards and to the right. The sky is a clear, pale blue, and the clouds are illuminated from below, giving them a warm, golden-brown hue. The overall scene conveys a sense of advanced aviation technology and exploration.

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6. Provisional indication of the level and process requirements

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7. Provisional process timescales

TBC – to be advised at meeting



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8. Next Steps

Discussion



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