

UTM Service Suppliers

Organizational Construct and Approval Processes

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Diversity



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Given the number and type of UAS operations envisioned, it is clear that the existing Air Traffic Management System cannot cost-effectively scale to deliver services for UAS.

Federal Aviation Administration UTM Concept of Operations, v1.0





Safety Through Automation

- Increased automation leads to reduced potential for human error; examples:
 - Geo-awareness

Conformance monitoring

Conflict detection

- Ground-risk buffer determinations
- Automation is tailored to the operation (not one-size-fits-all)
 - Different vehicles have different performance and levels of automation
 - Each operation has different risks and needs
 - Match the range of SORA Specific Assurance and Integrity Levels
- Approved providers help operators achieve their safety case through Service Level Agreements based on operation
- USS Capabilities should be defined using performance-based requirements, not prescriptive to support diversity
 - Includes security and privacy
 - Integrated with safety management systems



Safety Through Interoperability

- Interoperability is necessary for distributed USSs to exchange data when necessary, e.g.:
 - Deconfliction, negotiation, remote identification
- Standards-based interoperability
 - Promotes global harmonization and can be used by CAAs for oversight
 - Minimally sufficient interoperability via APIs (e.g. ASTM Remote ID standard)
 - Path for innovation and evolution by allowing implementations to exceed standards
 - Data consistency is critical in a distributed ecosystem and best assured through standards
- Standards allow security and privacy to be built-in and handled in a consistent manner

Examples of Interoperability

ASTM Remote ID





FAA UTM Pilot Program





FAA LAANC: Case Study in Partnership + Oversight



LAANC Ecosystem with Approved Providers

Data

Table 1: Required Sources for Certain LAANC Information Types

Rule	Information Type	Authoritative Source	Category / Dataset
[3.2.2a]	UAS Facility Maps	http://udds-	UAS Facility Map Data / FAA
	(UASFMs)	faa.opendata.arcgis.com	UAS Facility Map Data V2
[3.2.2b]	National Security UAS	http://udds-	National Security UAS Flight
	Flight Restrictions	faa.opendata.arcgis.com	Restrictions / National
	(NSUFRs)		Security UAS Flight
			Restrictions
[3.2.2c]	Class Airspace	http://adds-	Airspace / Class Airspace
	_	faa.opendata.arcgis.com	
[3.2.2d]	Airports	http://adds-	Airports / Airports
	_	faa.opendata.arcgis.com	
[3.2.2e]	Stadiums	http://adds-	Miscellaneous / Stadiums
		faa.opendata.arcgis.com	
[3.2.2f]	Washington D.C. FRZ	http://adds-	Airspace / Airspace Boundary
_	-	faa.opendata.arcgis.com	

Scenario Based Testing

3.6 Scenario #6: Part 107 Auto Crossing Airspace Boundaries

The area of the test operation is downtown Sunnyvale in CA. The test operation falls under both SJC and NUQ UASFMs. The airspace boundary between the two intersects the operational area. Prior to the start of this test, your application should be configured to communicate with the FAA LAANC "Staging" environment.



Rules

F	Rule	Operation Type	USS Responsibility	Notes		
[3.4	4.4d]	Operations exceeding 400 feet (§107.51b)	Block	This request type is not supported by LAANC.		
[3.4	4.4e]	Operations at night (§107.29)	Block	USS must employ a reasonable algorithm for civil twilight and block accordingly.		
[3.4	4.4f]	Operations in an NSUFR or the DC FRZ (§107.47)	Block	This request type is not supported by LAANC.		
[3.4	4.4g]	Operations in a Prohibited or active Restricted SUA (§107.45)	Block	This request type is not supported by LAANC. USS is only responsible for start/end times published on sua.faa.gov.		
[3.4	4.4h]	Operations in a TFR (§107.47)	Advise	Providing FAA link(s) per [3.4.4c] minimally satisfies this rule. USS may read digital TFR's and display them. Blocking is permissible but not required.		
[3.4	4.4i]	Operations in another type of SUA (MOA, CFA, Warning, Alert, etc.) (§107.49)	Advise	Providing FAA link(s) per [3.4.4c] minimally satisfies this rule. USS may read digital SUAs for these other types and display them. Blocking is permissible but not required.		
[3.4	4.4j]	Operations within 3NM of a stadium (§107.47)	Advise	Identifying stadium area minimally satisfies this rule. USSs may offer additional guidance (e.g. event times) on a best-effort basis. Blocking is permissible but not required.		

Data + Rules + Testing = Approved Provider

CASA approach to RPAS Application

From RPAS Platform Approach to Market:

- ... delivering this [service] via a single-supplier application endorsed or sponsored by CASA is not the most cost effective approach for CASA.
- As CASA seeks to introduce a range of digital RPA services to support the safe integration of RPAs into Australian airspace, it will be challenging for CASA to deliver a single-supplier application that meets the requirements of the broad range of RPA users.
- CASA recognises the opportunity for industry-developed solutions to industry information sharing needs in an evolving commercial, operational and regulatory landscape.
- Globally, other National Aviation Authorities (NAAs) have responded to similar problems through a collaborative approach with industry, with some NAAs choosing to provide the underlying data, tools and approvals platform that enables industry and app developers to develop their own software applications to interface the NAA's platform.

	CAA Activities Ap	proved Prov	ider Pro	ocess	3rd Party Activities
•	Approved provider program advertised on CAA website, including rules,authoritative data, and testing Also allow access to developer support website (APIs)	Public	cize	 Disco requi 	overs program, has interest, willing to comply with rements
•	Using guidelines previously established, verify that applicant is serious/suitable service provider	Арр	oly Reje	ect → Done	 Applicant presents qualifications and identifies specific intended services Application fee payable to CAA
_			Accept		
•	Enable access to development/test environment Provide developer assistance in use of APIs and understanding of rules, authoritative data, and testing	Develo	op & rate	Deve testin CAA	lops capabilities consistent with rules, data and g requirements, using the APIs provided by the s integration platform
		Fail			
•	Observes testing activities, reviews test documentation Determines compliance/noncompliance with rules, authoritative data, CAA-branding, etc.	Assess Proc	sment ess	 Provi stanc captu subm 	des documentation to explain compliance (including lards compliance), conducts all required tests, lares required artifacts (e.g., screenshots) and data, hits test report
_			Pass		
•	Enable access to operational web services Added to Authorized Providers list on CAA website	Appro Provi	oved ider	SoftwCommonFree	vare redirected from test to operational interfaces mence operational service delivery to advertise
•	Automated testing / reviews to ensure ongoing complian Communicates required updates based on new rules/AF	ce Pls Ongo	oing	 Supp Supp Resp 	orts end points for automated testing orts ongoing oversight via SMS process onds to CAA-required updates

The start of a ecosystem in 3 months

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- Created a list of required and authoritative data
 - Included non aeronautical data for support of fire incidents
- Tailored definition of rules per flight rule (recreational, commercial excluded, ReOC)
- Initial onboarding and testing procedures
- First industry application through adhering to the process
 - More applications coming with broad demand

CASA Verified Drone Flyer App



Consideration for an Ecosystem

- Don't build it oversight it
 - Technology world is rapidly changing
 - Challenging to keep pace in an RFP market
- Don't be overly prescriptive
 - Especially when it comes to User Experience
 - Beware of subjectivity remain performance-based
 - Business cases and products will evolved

- Do leverage standards
 - Commitment to Interoperability and Open-Source Software
- Do expect to learn over time
 - How do we adapt to the a new vehicle type or app or service?
- Do focus on automated and ongoing validation

