

CHAPTER 11 TEST FLIGHTS

Division 11.1 Circumstances in which an RPA may be operated for test flights without registration

11.01 Purpose

For subregulation 101.099B (1) of CASR, this Division prescribes the circumstances in which an RPA that is not required to be registered under Division 47.C.1 of CASR, and is not registered under Division 47.C.2, may be operated for the purposes of a test flight.

Note For operations, all RPA are required to be registered, generally under Division 47.C.2, unless specifically excluded by CASA (see subregulation 47.015 (1B)) or unless conducting a test flight in accordance with this Chapter.

11.02 Circumstances

For section 11.01, the circumstances are when the RPA (the *relevant aircraft*) is operated for any of the following purposes, provided that the operation is relevant to the development, manufacture, repair or maintenance of the relevant aircraft or its aircraft system (the *relevant system*), or of equipment associated with the relevant aircraft or its aircraft system (*relevant equipment*):

- (a) a test flight conducted by, or at the request of, the manufacturer developing the relevant aircraft, system or equipment, and for the purpose of such development;
- (b) a test flight, following the manufacture of the relevant aircraft, system or equipment, that is conducted:
 - (i) by, or at the request of, the manufacturer of the relevant aircraft, system or equipment; and
 - (ii) before it is provided to the initial purchaser of the relevant aircraft, system or equipment;
- (c) a test flight following the fitting of relevant equipment to a relevant aircraft or system, that is conducted by, or at the request of, the person who fitted the equipment;
- (d) a test flight before or after repair or maintenance of the relevant aircraft, system or equipment, that is conducted by, or at the request of, the person who carried out, or will carry out, the maintenance or repair.

Division 11.2 Requirements relating to the operation of an RPA that is operated for test flights without registration

11.03 Purpose

For subregulation 101.099B (3) of CASR, this Division prescribes the requirements relating to the operation of an RPA mentioned in section 11.01 (a *relevant aircraft*) for the purposes of a test flight.

11.04 Requirements

- (1) For section 11.03, the person who operates a relevant aircraft for a test flight (the *relevant operator*) must prepare a written record of the test flight (the *record*) that includes the following:
 - (a) the serial number of the relevant aircraft flown;
 - (b) the name, address and ARN (if any) of the owner of relevant aircraft;

- (c) the time and date of the test flight;
- (d) the location of the test flight;
- (e) the reason for the test flight;

Note See section 11.02 for the permitted reasons.

- (f) any accident, incident or malfunction that occurred during the test flight;
 - (g) the name of the relevant operator.
- (2) The relevant operator must prepare the record as soon as possible after the test flight is completed, and must sign and date the record.
 - (3) The relevant operator, or the employer of the relevant operator (the *keeper*) must keep the record, securely and retrievably, for 3 years from the date of the test flight (a *current record*).
 - (4) The keeper must give to CASA, on written request, a complete and legible hard or soft copy of a current record.
 - (5) Neither the relevant operator nor the employer of the relevant operator may disclose a current record, or the information in a current record, to a person other than CASA unless:
 - (a) the disclosure has the consent of the owner of the relevant aircraft; or
 - (b) the disclosure is required by law.