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**OPERATIONS OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS)/DRONE  
& TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR  
REQUIRES CAAM AUTHORISATION**

**Authorisation to Operate UAS/Drone**

The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) would like to highlight that all UAS/ drone operators are required to comply to Regulation 140-144 under the Malaysian Civil Aviation Regulations 2016 (MCAIR 2016). All drone operators shall acquire an “authorisation” from CAAM before operating a drone even during this unfortunate period of the COVID-19 outbreak. This regulation applies to ALL UAS/DRONE OPERATORS including surveillance, broadcasting, commercial, recreational and other activities.

CAAM would like to stress that if UAS/drone operation is carried out without authorisation of CAAM, it may cause hazard to other airspace users and endanger public safety due to the nature of UAS/drone operation.

Application form for authorisation to operate UAS/drone can be downloaded from CAAM website. For more information on the procedure and requirement, you may visit <http://www.caam.gov.my/sectors-divisions/flight-operations/unmanned-aircraft-system-uas/>

Penalty and/or conviction will be imposed to those who commit offences by operating a UAS/drone without CAAM’s authorisation. The penalty includes a minimum of RM50,000 and/or 3 years of imprisonment for an individual or a fine not exceeding RM 100,000 for a corporate body, if found liable.

## **Authorisation to Transport Dangerous Goods by Air**

CAAM would also like to advise that carriage of dangerous goods (such as biological samples) by air is bound by MCAR 2016 Regulations 132 & 133 and would require operators to apply for dangerous goods permit. Transportation of dangerous goods without proper review from CAAM may result in an accident and endanger public safety.

Penalty and/or conviction will be imposed to those who commit offences by transporting dangerous goods by air without CAAM's authorisation. The penalty includes a minimum of RM50,000 and/or 3 years of imprisonment for an individual or a fine not exceeding RM 100,000 for a corporate body, if found liable.

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