



Special Governmental Interest (SGI) Addendum Formerly called Emergency COAs

DRIVER

JO 7200.23 prescribes the procedures regarding the processing of requests for addendums to active COAs through the expedited SGI process.

REQUEST

a. Qualifying proponents of public UAS operations must contact the System Operations Support Center (SOSC), a component of System Operations Security, at (202) 267-8276 for assistance. A backup request should be sent to the SOSC via email at 9-ator-hqsosc@faa.gov.

b. Qualifying proponents of civil UAS operations must:

- (1) Secure support from a governmental entity participating in the response, relief, or recovery effort, to which the proposed UAS operations will contribute
- (2) Contact the SOSC at (202) 267-8276 for assistance
- (3) Send a backup request to the SOSC via email at 9-ator-hq-sosc@faa.gov

c. Requests should be initiated with the SOSC as far in advance as practicable.

d. Proponents must provide justification sufficient to show the standard COA process is not feasible. (e.g., urgent need to fly a response mission within 14 days or less).

PROCESSING and COORDINATION

a. Once the request is received, System Operations Security will conduct a review of the proposed operation and determine any amendments or waivers necessary to the current COA requirements (e.g., operating area, altitudes, class of airspace, transponder usage, etc.).

b. System Operations Security will determine if the request meets all necessary SGI criteria.

c. System Operations Security will coordinate with affected ATC facilities and determine and implement any needed mitigations (e.g., the application of Temporary Flight Restrictions) to reach an acceptable level of safety risk and to minimize impacts on other air traffic operations.

d. These mitigations and other authorizations, including deviations from the operator's current COA, will be implemented through COA addendum and other operational measures – e.g., coordinated ATC action and/or the application of Temporary Flight Restrictions.

e. If a determination is made to issue an addendum, System Operations Security will authorize the proposed UAS operation and distribute copies of COA addendums to the affected Service Center, affected air traffic facility, and Airspace Services' UAS Tactical Operations Section.

