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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Initiation of Proceedings for Cancellation of Registration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for False Declaration in Form D-2 under Drone Rules, 2021

It has come to the notice of The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) that certain entities are knowingly/unknowingly misusing the self-generation of Unique Identification Numbers (UINs) of illegally imported Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for registration on the **Digital Sky platform/ e-GCA portal** of DGCA. These UINs have been identified & found to contain **false declarations/ details in Form D-2**, specifically:

1. **Incorrect classification** of drones under the “**Model RPAS**” sub-category, whereas the drones are not intended solely for educational, research, design, testing or recreational purpose only, as defined under the Drone Rules, 2021; and
2. The **registered UAS were manufactured outside India** and were **imported without prior import authorization**, in contravention of import regulations under the Drone Rules and the applicable guidelines of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Notification No. 54/2015-20 dated 09.02.2022.

It is reiterated that vide the aforementioned DGFT notification import of drones in Completely-Built-Up (CBU), Semi-Knocked-Down (SKD) or Completely-Knocked-Down (CKD) form is “Prohibited” with exceptions provided for R&D, Defence & Security purpose and prior approval/import authorization from DGFT is mandatory. Any registration of UAS imported in violation of these provisions constitutes a serious regulatory breach.

These false declarations amount to **misrepresentation** and are in **violation of the Drone Rules, 2021**, making the registrations liable for suspension/ cancellation under **Rule 53**.

Before proceeding with cancellation, the DGCA will provide an **opportunity of being heard** to the concerned individuals/entities. DGCA is in the process of suspension/ cancellation of identified UINs. Affected persons may submit their **written explanation** along with supporting documents [(a) Purchase details invoice, (b) DGFT permission in case of import/ foreign made UAS, (c) Weighing certificate from NABL accredited lab, (d) Declaration on letter head in case of

{(i). Central/State/UT government (ii). Education institution recognized by Central/State/UT government, (iii). Start-ups recognized by DPIIT with certificate proof, (iv). Authorized Testing Agencies (ATE), (v). UAS manufacturer having GSTIN}, (e) Declaration of candidate given the individual ID & address proof, (f) Pictures of Drone including manufacturer data plate] to **justify the accuracy of their registration** and address the discrepancies noted. To submit representations, affected person may contact the Drone Directorate at drone.dgca@gov.in with subject **“Response to Public Notice dated 12 August 2025 – False Declaration in Form D-2”**.

Failure to respond within one month from the date of publication of this Public Notice may result in cancellation of the UAS registration without further notice.

Operating any drone with a suspended/ cancelled registration is strictly prohibited and may lead to **penal action under the Drone Rules, 2021 and the Aircraft Act, 1934**, including legal proceedings.

This notice is issued in the interest of national security, public safety, and the integrity of civil aviation regulation.

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