

## **Upcoming Release of Canadian Aviation Regulations, Part IX (RPAS)**

This document is intended to provide MAAC Members with some important information on the soon to be released regulations that will apply to UAS/RPAS/Model Aircraft.

1. The new regulations governing all Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), which include all aircraft operated without a pilot onboard, will be included as a new Part IX to the existing Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs).

Note - Transport Canada will now use the term RPAS to identify all/any aircraft without a pilot onboard.

2. The new regulations will no longer differentiate between recreational use and non-recreational use. This means that unless otherwise authorized, those operating model aircraft will have to follow the same regulations as the commercial operators.
3. Although the regulations are expected to be published before the end of this year, it should be noted that the new regulations will not actually come into force (i.e. fully take effect) until approximately six (6) months after they are published in Canada Gazette II. Meaning that people are not required to follow the new regulations until they come into force date, which will likely be June, 2019.
4. Many of you may remember from the briefings Transport Canada provided last summer, that MAAC or similar organizations with established safety cultures were to be provided a "carve out" from the new Part IX regulations. Due to several factors, mainly timelines and Transport Canada resource issues, this "carve out" will now not be included in the initial release of UAS/RPAS regulations.
5. To address this issue, MAAC leadership has been working with Transport Canada to secure an exemption to the new Part IX, RPAS regulations. This exemption will apply to all MAAC members, in good standing. With this exemption MAAC members will not be required to comply with the regulations in the new CARs, Part IX, provided they comply with MAAC's published safety practices and guidelines and a few conditions in the exemption itself.
6. Once approved, this exemption will permit the vast majority of MAAC activities/operations to be conducted as they are today. Details of the exemption will be provided to all members as part of an upcoming MAAC news letter.
7. The draft exemption is currently going through the final approval processes at Transport Canada and should be issued on the same day, or at minimum, very shortly after the new regulations are published in Canada Gazette II. This will be well before the coming into force date of the new regulations.
8. We hope you find the above information beneficial to assist with the transition to the new regulations. More details will be provided soon.

9. Should you have any questions on the above information please contact your MAAC liaison to Transport Canada, Rodger Williams (rodgerwilliams9587@gmail.com )