



## **SAFETY DECISION 2026-03**

### **Issue 01**

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#### **SUBJECT:**

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONES), AND LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT WITHIN UAE AIRSPACE

#### **APPLICABILITY:**

This Safety Decision applies to

- (a) Operators of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) / drones (commercial and recreational); and
- (b) Operators of Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) of all types

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- In light of the prevailing circumstances affecting national airspace safety and security, precautionary measures are required to mitigate potential risks.
- In the interest of ensuring public safety and the protection of national airspace, the GCAA has determined that a temporary suspension of operation of the above-mentioned aircraft categories is necessary.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- (a) All authorisations/approvals issued for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) / drones and Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) of all types are hereby **suspended effective immediately**.
- (b) During the suspension period:
  - (1) The operation, launch, or flight of the aforementioned aircraft within UAE airspace is strictly prohibited.
  - (2) No new authorisations/approvals shall be issued for the above categories during the suspension period.
- (c) Full compliance with this Safety Decision is mandatory. Any violation shall be subject to applicable legal measures in accordance with UAE Civil Aviation Law and relevant regulation.

**NOTE:** This Safety Decision is issued as a temporary precautionary measure in response to prevailing circumstances and may be amended, extended, or cancelled based on further assessment.