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Coalition Welcomes Imminent Publication of FAA Final Small UAS Rule

Will Establish Initial Regulatory Framework for Commercial UAS

WASHINGTON, DC – June 17, 2016 – As early as Monday, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is expected to release its Final Rule for Operation and Certification of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). The Small UAV Coalition congratulates the FAA on finalizing this rulemaking, which will broaden opportunities for businesses of all sizes within the commercial UAS industry to safely operate in a streamlined regulatory environment conducive to growth and revenue generation.

Gregory Walden, counsel to the Small UAV Coalition and former FAA Chief Counsel said, “The forthcoming announcement of the Part 107 commercial rule for small UAS is a major step for not only unmanned aerial systems, but virtually every sector of the economy. While we know that there will still be work to do on issues such as beyond visual line of sight operations and operations at night and over people, to name a few, this rule is both a major step for innovation in technology and a new era in aviation. This industry will no longer be identified by exceptions, exemptions, and the art of the possible; rather, it will now be “open for business.” The Small UAV Coalition is working diligently to assist the DOT and FAA on outstanding issues that must be resolved in the near term, but the impact of this rule is consequential.”

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