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## **Small UAV Coalition Comments on European Union Drone Rules**

**Calls on United States to Move Ahead with Enabling Regulations to Prevent Falling  
Further Behind Foreign Markets Seeking to Lead in UAS Technology**

**WASHINGTON, DC – June 11, 2019** – Today, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) published rules to enable and encourage safe unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operations in a number of categories, including commercial drone operations. The rules, which will enter into force by the end of this month, will allow drone operators to work across borders, encouraging expansion of business throughout the continent. European Union (EU) Member States will implement the new regulations by June 2020.

EASA Executive Director Patrick Ky [stated](#), “Europe will be the first region in the world to have a comprehensive set of rules ensuring safe, secure, and sustainable operations of drones both, for commercial and leisure activities.”

The Small UAV Coalition congratulates the EU for reaching this important milestone and encourages the United States government to immediately take action to prevent falling further behind other regions that are aggressively moving ahead with regulations that will enable commercial UAS operations, attracting investment and creating jobs. The EU’s methodical approach to comprehensive UAS regulations is an example to the world that commercial opportunities, as well as safety and security, can coexist.

At the outset, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must publish proposed regulations for remotely identifying UAS, a requirement that is included in the EASA rules. Without this rule, it cannot move ahead with regulations to allow for expanded operations, including operations over people and beyond visual line of sight, that are becoming routine in other parts of the world. The Coalition calls on all US government entities, including national security and law enforcement agencies, to work together so that the FAA can publish its remote identification proposal without further delay.

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