

AUVSI Congratulates FAA on Type Certification for Certain Unmanned Aircraft Systems

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On Friday, September 18th the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) released the [final policy](#) on type certification for certain unmanned aircraft systems. On behalf of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) and our 5,000 members, I want to congratulate FAA Administrator Steven Dickson and Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao on continuing to show tremendous leadership to encourage growth in the unmanned sector.

A core tenet for our association and our industry is safety. This new, formalized type certification policy will allow our innovative member companies to continue thinking big, while balancing responsible operations. In fact, maintaining a high degree of safety is critical in advancing our industry, as we hope to grow services already offered via unmanned aerial systems (UAS), including [package delivery services](#), [assisting firefighting teams in managing blazes](#), and [delivering live-saving drugs](#) to opioid abuse victims.

With this new FAA type certification policy moving forward, unmanned aerial systems will continue to provide solutions to modern-day problems in an unprecedented fashion. And in the face of the novel coronavirus pandemic, unmanned systems hold untapped promise. This forward movement from the FAA will aid in the growth of our industry, and indicates to the UAS sector that our federal government encourages innovation, new ideas, and thinking creatively to answer current needs.

AUVSI commends the leadership FAA continues to show, and we look forward to hearing more about future FAA policymaking, including the forthcoming Remote ID and Operations Over People rules.

AUVSI is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of unmanned systems and robotics and represents corporations and professionals from more than 60 countries involved in industry, government, and academia.