The World Air Sports Federation

Critical Regulations Position Document

The task

The FAI Regulation Expert Group (REG) is tasked with identifying areas of our air sports and recreational flying where too strict and bureaucratic regulations have a negative impact on our activities, resulting in reduced volume and lack of innovation and development.

The purpose

The purpose of this document is:

“To provide a tool for the use of FAI in contacts with authorities and organizations in regulation matters, as FAI needs to increase its influence in order to stop or reduce the negative effects of the flow of new and stricter regulations affecting air sports and recreational flying”

Who will use it...

The document is intended for:

- The FAI President and Executive Board
- Affiliated regional organizations
- Air Sports Commissions
- Regional Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents
- National Air Sports Control organizations (NACs)
- The various FAI Head Office functions and others as applicable

The layout

- This issue of the document (6. June 2014) covers six areas
- For each such area, an FAI position has been developed, outlined in bold/italic text
- Supporting rationale is included

Areas of FAI concern

1. The increase in user fees and/or the increased application of user fees
2. The broad introduction of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
3. Equipment/restrictions resulting from NextGen/Single European Skies (SES) implementation
Areas of FAI concern
continued

4. Unjustifiable airspace restrictions for air sports and recreational flying
5. Uncritical application of environmental restrictions
6. Increased requirements for formal licensing/certification applying to air sports activities and recreational flying (such as medical, checking, training, experience, certification of facilities/aircraft etc.)

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Our vision…

“A world where safe participation in air sports and recreational flying is available to everyone at reasonable cost”