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CHECKLIST

SORA for BVLOS application

Instructions

- The documentation submitted must follow the level of robustness (levels of integrity and assurance) identified when applying the specific operations risk analysis (SORA) version 2.0 methodology. Do not send more documentation than required by the applicable level of robustness (low, medium, high). CASA will not review any out-of-scope documentation and its content will remain solely under the responsibility of the applicant/operator.
- 2. Further substantiation or documentation might be required upon request by CASA.

Applicant details		
Applicant name	Applicant ARN	

1. SORA Step 1 – Concept of Operations (ConOps)

Criteria	Description
 Location(s) Please provide a separate KML file for: the operational volume (flight geography (FG) and contingency volume (CV)) the ground risk buffer (GRB) the air risk buffer (if required). The KML must depict the contingency volume and risk buffers when applied to higher populated areas within the operational volume. 	
 Provide a short description of proposed operations: e.g. We intend to operate the fixed wing RPA to conduct aerial survey task up to 400ft AGL during day and night operations. e.g. We intend to operate a multi-rotor RPA at 1000ft AGL over forest land to identify new species using thermal imagery. We intend to operate at night and only within 2km from the landing / take-off area. 	

2. SORA Step 2 – Intrinsic Ground Risk Class (iGRC)

Criteria	Description	
Max dimension / Speed	□ 1m / 25 m/s □ 3m / 35 m/s □ 8m / 75 m/s □ 20m / 120 m/s □ 40m / 200 m/s □	
Operational type		
Type of operational areas on the ground (including FG, CV and GRB)	Controlled ground area Isolated environment Scarcely populated environment Lightly populated environment Sparsely populated environment Suburban / low density metropolitan environment High density metropolitan environment Assemblies of people	
Resulting iGRC (for VLOS iGRC, refer to alternate iGRC table published in TMI)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
Information sources used in determination of iGRC ABS data LandScan On-site assessment Other – please specify: Other		

Remarks / Justification for determination

Include information relating to the qualitative assessment of the ground area and what population densities you identified within the operational area. The highest population within a 1km grid square should be identified.

3. SORA Step 3 – Final Ground Risk Class (fGRC)

Ground Risk Mitigations – SORA Annex B 3.1

Mitigations	Robustness	Remarks	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)
M1 Strategic mitigations for ground risk	 None (0) Low (-1) Medium (-2) High (-3) 		
M2 Effects of ground impact are reduced (e.g. parachute)	 None/Low (0) Medium (-1) High (-2) 		
M3 An emergency response plan (ERP) is in place, the UAS operator is validated and effective	 None/Low (+1) Medium (0) High (-1) 		

Final GRC

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□ ≥8

4. SORA Step 4 – Initial Air Risk Class (iARC)

Criteria	Description
Classification of the airspace where the operation is intended to be conducted (select all that apply)	 A C D E G Restricted Airspace Military Operating Area Danger Area Danger Area Airport Environment Remote Australian Airspace (refer to STS#6 or #7 for required elements) Atypical
Operating heights	<500ft AGL >500ft AGL but less than FL600
Specify the initial Air Risk Class (of the Operational Volume)	ARC-a ARC-b ARC-c ARC-d

5. SORA Step 5 – Strategic air risk mitigations and residual Air Risk Class (Optional)

Only complete this section if you are claiming the application of strategic mitigations to reduce the initial Airspace Risk Class. If not, go to step 6.

Criteria	Description
Claimed Residual Air Risk Class (after strategic mitigation)	ARC-a ARC-b ARC-c ARC-d

If strategic mitigations are applied, provide remarks / justification against each applied mitigation. Note : Completion of this section is mandatory.

Remarks	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)

6. SORA Step 6 – Tactical Mitigations Performance Requirements (TMPR) – SORA Annex D

6.1 TMPR level

Criteria	Description
TMPR level required	VLOS (not required)
	BVLOS, requirement:
	ARC-a (The completion of this section is optional when operating in ARC-A)
	Low / ARC-b
	Medium / ARC-c
	High / ARC-d

6.2 **TMPR** functions

TMPR functions	Remarks (describe how integrity and assurance requirements are met for each function)	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)
Detect		
Decide		

TMPR functions	Remarks (describe how integrity and assurance requirements are met for each function)	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)
Command		
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Execute		
Feedback loop		

7. SORA Step 7 – SAIL Determination

Criteria	Description
Claimed Specific Assurance and Integrity Level (SAIL)	SAIL I SAIL II SAIL II SAIL II SAIL IV SAIL V SAIL V SAIL VI

8. SORA Step 8 – Operational Safety Objectives – SORA Annex E

Note: Some OSOs are grouped according to Annex E.

OSO	Robustness	Remarks	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)
#01 Ensure that the UAS operator is competent and/or proven	 Optional Low Medium High 		
#02 UAS manufactured by competent and/or proven entity	 Optional Low Medium High 		
#03 UAS maintained by competent and/or proven entity	Low Medium High		
#04 UAS developed to authority recognised design standards	 Optional Low Medium High 		

OSO	Robustness	Remarks	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)
#05 UAS is designed considering system safety and reliability	 Optional Low Medium High 		
#06 C3 link characteristics are appropriate for the operation	 Optional Low Medium High 		
#07 Inspection of the UAS to ensure consistency with the ConOps	Low Medium High		
#08, #11, #14, #21 Operational procedures	Low Medium High		
#09, #15, #22 Remote crew training	Low Medium High		
#10, #12 Safe design Note: Only applicable when operating over populated areas or gatherings of people.	☐ Low ☐ Medium ☐ High		

OSO	Robustness	Remarks	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)
#13 External services supporting UAS operations are adequate for the operation	☐ Low ☐ Medium ☐ High		
#16 Multi-crew coordination	Low Medium High		
#17 Remote crew is fit to operate	Low Medium High		
#18 Automatic protection of the flight envelope from human errors	 Optional Low Medium High 		
#19 Safe recovery from human error	 Optional Low Medium High 		

OSO	Robustness	Remarks	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)
#20 A human factors evaluation has been performed and the human machine interface (HMI) found appropriate for the mission	 Optional Low Medium High 		
#23 Environmental conditions for safe operations are defined, measurable and adhered to	Low Medium High		
#24 UAS is designed and qualified for adverse environmental conditions	 Optional Low Medium High 		

9. SORA Step 9 – Adjacent area / airspace considerations

Criteria	Description
Adjacent area determination	Controlled ground area
	Isolated environment
	Scarcely populated environment
	Lightly populated environment
	Sparsely populated environment
	Suburban / low density metropolitan environment
	High density metropolitan environment
	Assemblies of people
Adjacent airspace	ARC-a
	ARC-b
	ARC-c
	ARC-d
Containment type requirement	Basic containment
	Enhanced containment

Remarks / justification for containment

Note: This section relates to the containment type requirement above.

Remarks / justification for determination	Reference to documentation (insert document ID, chapter/section and page number)

10. Reference Documents

Example: Emergency response plan.

No.	Title			
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