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A 012. PROCEDURE OF FLIGHTS OF STATE UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS IN THE BORDER AREA

This aeronautical information circular presents procedure of flights of State Unmanned aircrafts in the border area, approved by of the Commander of the Lithuanian Armed Forces Order No. V-641 of 29 May 2020.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE OF FLIGHTS OF STATE UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS IN THE BORDER AREA**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Description of the Procedure of Flights of State Unmanned aircrafts in the border area establishes the conditions and procedure of executing the flights of national Lithuanian, other NATO and EU member state as well as other state unmanned aircrafts (hereinafter referred to as unmanned aircrafts) in the border area of the Republic of Lithuania.
2. The concepts used in the description of the procedure are understood as explained under the Law on Aviation of the Republic of Lithuania as well as Law on the State Border and the Guard Thereof of the Republic of Lithuania.

**CHAPTER II
THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF EXECUTING FLIGHTS OF LITHUANIAN AND OTHER NATO AND EU MEMBER STATE UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS IN THE BORDER AREA**

3. The flights of unmanned aircrafts in the border area shall be executed having notified the Operational Duty Officer (hereinafter referred to as KOP OB) of the Lithuanian Air Force (hereinafter referred to as KOP) not later than within 5 minutes before the commencement of entering the border area or before the commencement of take-off (in case the take-off is executed in the border area).
4. The information about the flights in border area is submitted to the Operational Duty Officer of the Lithuanian Air Force (KOP OB) by telephones +370 37 30 7504 and +370 800 01 236 or e-mail paraiskos.kop@mil.lt (notifying about the submission by the provided telephone numbers).
5. The Operational Duty Officer of the Lithuanian Air Force (KOP OB) shall transfer the information about the flights planned or executed in the area of the flight within the respectful period of flight to the operator of unmanned aircraft.
6. The Operational Duty Officer of the Lithuanian Air Force (KOP OB) shall notify about the flights of unmanned aircrafts in the border area Shift Supervisor of Area Control Centre by telephone +370 706 94 599 / +370 698 50 692 as well as Duty Officer of Frontier District of State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, within the area of responsibility of whom the flight(s) is (are) executed.

7. In order to ensure the safety of the flights, the Operational Duty Officer of the Lithuanian Air Force (KOP OB) shall give the instructions which are compulsory to follow to the operator of unmanned aircraft.

8. When submitting the information about the planned flight in the border area, the operator of unmanned aircraft or the person responsible for execution of the flight, shall indicate the following:

- 8.1 aircraft type;
- 8.2 aircraft call sign (if any);
- 8.3 flight route (area) and flight altitude;
- 8.4 planned take-off/landing location, time and duration of the flight;
- 8.5 transponder code (if any);
- 8.6 purpose of the flight;
- 8.7 planned time and location of entering and leaving the border area (not applicable, in case the take-off and landing are planned within the border area);
- 8.8 contact data of the operator (main and alternate telephone numbers).

9. In the course of the flight the operator of unmanned aircraft shall be liable to:

- 9.1 ensure execution of the flight in accordance with the data provided in Item 8 of the description of the procedure, in case of any amendments, to notify the Operational Duty Officer of the Lithuanian Air Force (KOP OB) about them not later than within 5 minutes;
- 9.2 ensure constant availability by the indicated means of communication;
- 9.3 follow the instructions of the Operational Duty Officer of the Lithuanian Air Force (KOP OB), pertaining to ensuring the safety of the flight;
- 9.4 not enter the zone beyond 50 metres from the state border of the Republic of Lithuania into the territory of the state (not applicable, in case flights of the state unmanned aircrafts of the Republic of Lithuania are executed);
- 9.5 immediately, but not later than within 1 hour, notify the Operational Duty Officer of the Lithuanian Air Force (KOP OB) in case of trespassing the state border, entering the zone beyond 50 metres from the state border of the Republic of Lithuania into the territory of the state (except cases when this area is entered by the state aircraft of the Republic of Lithuania), losing the management or control of the unmanned aircraft occurrence of an accident related to the safety of the flight;
- 9.6 store the flight route data for 6 months after the date of the executed flight and to provide the possessed data at the request of the Lithuanian Air Force.

CHAPTER III CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE OF EXECUTING FLIGHTS OF STATE UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS FROM OTHER STATES IN THE BORDER AREA

10. The flights of state unmanned aircrafts of other states in the border are permitted only provided that they are envisaged in the international contracts or agreements concluded with the respectful states. In such cases the flights of state unmanned aircrafts are executed following the conditions and procedure established under these contracts or agreements.

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