

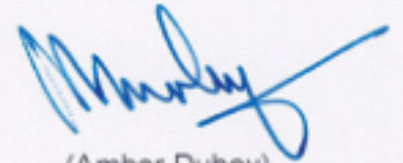
AV-29017/3/2021-SDIT-MOCA
Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi
04 Feb 2021

ORDER

SUBJECT: Conditional exemption from Rule 15A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 to Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for live aerial cinematography of the India Cricket Season in 2021 using drones

1. Whereas, BCCI (the 'Applicant') had, vide email dated 08 Jan 2021 sought an exemption from Rule 15A and CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I for the afore-mentioned purpose.
2. Whereas based on the request of and undertaking provided by the Applicant, DGCA, vide letter no. DGCA-31031/4/2021-Drone-Dte dated 04 Feb 2021, accorded exemption to the Applicant from the CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I for the afore-mentioned purpose.
3. Now, therefore, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 160 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, grants conditional exemption to the Applicant for a period as stated in the above-mentioned letter from DGCA or until further orders, whichever is earlier; from the provisions of Rule 15A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 for the afore-mentioned purpose. This shall be subject to complete adherence to the conditions as mentioned in the DGCA letter (copy enclosed).



(Amber Dubey)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To:

1. All Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India
2. Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of all States/ Union Territories
3. DGPs/ Heads of Police of all States/ Union Territories
4. Joint Secretary (Internal Security); Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), New Delhi
5. Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau (Shri Jag Mohan), New Delhi
6. Director, G-Wing, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi
7. Gp Cpt K.B. Mathews, Air Headquarters, IAF, New Delhi
8. DG, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), New Delhi
9. DG, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), New Delhi
10. Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI), New Delhi
11. PS to HMoSCA (IC), Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
12. Sr. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
13. National Informatics Centre (NIC) team, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi
14. Digital Sky Platform

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ड्रोन निदेशालय

Reference No./संख्या: DGCA-31031/4/2021-Drone-Dtc
Dated/दिनांक: 4th February, 2021

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(Kind attention: Sh Hemang Amin, Interim CEO, BCCI & COO IPL)

Subject: Permission to use Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) for live Aerial Filming during Cricket season 2021.

Sir,

This has reference to BCCI letter no. BCCI/HQ/02/BCCI-2021 dated 5th January, 2021, and request letter of M/s Quidich dated 5th January, 2021 and other correspondences regarding permission to use Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) for live aerial filming during Cricket season 2021.

Based on the approved SOP, ref. no. QIL/SOP/2021/01 Rev. no. 0, dated 8th January, 2021 of M/s Quidich, and undertakings provided by BCCI and M/s Quidich; this office hereby accords exemption from the Para 5.2(b), 5.3, 6, 7, 8.4, 9.2, 11.1 (d), 11.2 (a), 12.3(a), 12.4 and 12.5 of CAR Section 3, Series X, Part-I to **The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** to use Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) for live Aerial Filming during cricket season 2021.

The above stated exemption shall be valid until 31st December, 2021 from the date of issue of this letter or until the Digital Sky Platform becomes operational, whichever is earlier.

However, this exemption shall be valid only if all conditions and limitations as stated in Annexure-I to this letter and in the above referred approved SOP are strictly adhered to. In case of violation of any condition, this exemption shall become null & void and action may be initiated as per Para 18 of the above mentioned CAR.

Encl.: As stated

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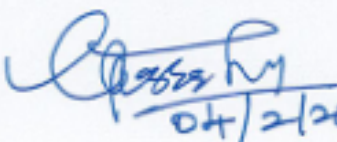
Joint Director General of Civil Aviation
for Director General of Civil Aviation

Copy for information to:

1. Joint Secretary (Sh. Amber Dubey), Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi 110003 – may consider for exemption from Rule 15A of Aircraft Rules, 1937.
2. Joint Secretary (Internal Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi-110001.
3. Director, G-Wing, Ministry of Defence, South Block, New Delhi 110001
4. The Executive Director (ASM), Airport Authority of India, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi 110003- For necessary clearances if required.
5. DDG (IR), DGCA HQ- regarding permission for Aerial Photography (if applicable).
6. DDG (Air Safety) - DGCA HQ.
7. M/s Quidich Innovation Labs Pvt. Ltd., No. 6, Keytuo Industrial Estate, MIDC, Andheri (E), Mumbai-29

Conditions and limitations to the BCCI and M/s Quidich for using Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) for live Aerial Filming during cricket season 2021

1. This exemption to the BCCI from the paragraphs 5.2(b), 5.3, 6, 7, 8.4, 9.2, 11.1 (d), 11.2 (a), 12.3(a), 12.4 and 12.5 of CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I, is subject to exemption from Rule 15A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 by Ministry of Civil Aviation.
2. The BCCI shall obtain necessary clearances from (a) Local Administration (b) Ministry of Defence (c) Ministry of Home Affairs (d) Air Defence Clearance from Indian Air Force and (e) Airport Authority of India (AAI) [as applicable] prior to operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS).
3. M/s Quidich engaged by BCCI as RPAS operator shall only operate the RPAS models specified in the approved Standard Operating procedures (SOP) Doc No QIL/SOP/2021/01 Rev 0 dated 8th January, 2021. The operations of the RPAS having valid Drone Acknowledgement Number (DAN) [specified in the SOP] shall be operated as per the above mentioned SOP in the area specified therein. Any change in the approved SOP for e.g. Change in procedures or RPAS or use case or personnel or area specified in the approved SOP shall be included in the SOP and submitted to DGCA for approval.
4. BCCI shall ensure that only trained / experienced bona fide personnel operates the RPAS as per the approved SOP. Subsequently, the RPAS operator shall ensure that remote flight crew are trained through approved FTOs/ RPTOs.
5. The RPAS Operator shall ensure that the RPAS is in working condition and maintained as mentioned in the approved SOP and shall be responsible for any eventualities due to malfunction / disorientation of equipment.
6. The RPAS Operator shall maintain the records of each RPA flight and make such records available to the DGCA on demand.
7. BCCI shall take necessary permission regarding Aerial Photography from Directorate of Regulations & Information, DGCA or Ministry of Defence (as applicable). The photographs/video-graphs, taken through RPAS shall be used by BCCI only. BCCI shall be responsible for safety and security of RPAS and data collected through RPAS.
8. The Operator shall ensure that the RPAS are made NPNT compliant [certified by QCI] as soon as the digital sky platform is made operational.
9. BCCI shall ensure that each RPAS operated by Quidich has fire resistant identification plate inscribed legibly with OAN, DAN and Model No. of the RPAS.
10. The operation of RPAS shall be restricted to daylight or well-lit conditions (above 2000 lux), within Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) in uncontrolled airspace only and upto height of 200 ft(AGL) max only.
11. RPAS shall not be operated in the vicinity of airport as per the provisions of the CAR. If required to operate near the airport/ in controlled airspace, approval from Airports Authority of India (AAI) shall be taken in advance regarding time and area of operations of RPAS.
12. BCCI shall ensure that no items are discharged or dropped during flight of the RPAS. The BCCI shall also ensure that hazardous material or variable payload are not carried in / using the RPA under any circumstances.
13. BCCI shall ensure that uninvolved persons are not allowed within the operation area [including Ground Control Station] and ensure safety conditions specified in the approved SOP and in this letter are adhered to.
14. BCCI shall ensure safety, security and privacy of public, property, operator etc. Further, in case of any eventuality, DGCA shall not be held responsible.
15. The operator shall ensure the RPAS is not flown in a manner to cause danger to any person or property. In case of any injury to any person due to physical contact with the equipment, The Operator and BCCI shall be responsible for medico-legal issues. The BCCI shall ensure the insurance policy remains valid and of adequate level to cover any damage to third party resulting from accident / incident occurred during the operation of RPAS.
16. The operator shall not operate the RPAS in no-fly zones specified in Para 13.1 of the CAR Section 3, Series X, Part I without the approval of concerned Ministries/ authorities.
17. The BCCI and Quidich shall indemnify DGCA from any legal cases or any other issues arising due to these operations.
18. This letter shall not override other restrictions / SOP on Remotely Piloted Aircraft System framed by other Government Agencies or any bye-laws.
19. In case of incident/accident during at any phase of the operations, the operator shall generate a report with full details to Air Safety Directorate of DGCA within 24 hours of such event.
20. The operator shall intimate the schedule of operation [location and date of operation] to DGCA [as and when available] well in advance for conducting safety oversight. In this regard, BCCI shall ensure access to DGCA are provided to perform this function.
21. In case of violation of provision specified in the above mentioned CAR and the conditions & limitations specified in this letter; the permission issued will become null and void and enforcement action as per Para 18 of the above mentioned CAR will be initiated.


 04/2/2021