

(D) a flight restriction exists to the airspace overlying the same location as the temporary flight restriction sought under this section; or

(E) the Administrator determines appropriate for any other reason.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) ADVANCE NOTICE.—Eligible entities may only request a temporary flight restriction under subsection (a) not less than 30 calendar days prior to the eligible large public gathering.

(2) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—Eligible entities seeking a temporary flight restriction under this section shall provide the Administrator with all relevant information, including the following:

(A) Geographic boundaries of the stadium or other venue hosting the eligible large public gathering, as applicable.

(B) The dates and anticipated starting and ending times for the large public gathering.

(C) Points of contact for the requesting eligible entity and the on-scene incident command responsible for securing the large public gathering.

(D) Any other information the Administrator considers necessary to establish the restriction.

(c) ELIGIBLE LARGE PUBLIC GATHERINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a temporary flight restriction under this section, large public gatherings hosted in a stadium or other venue shall—

(A) be hosted in a stadium or other venue that—

(i) has previously hosted events qualifying for the application of special security instructions in accordance with section 521 of the Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199);¹ and

(ii) is not enclosed;

(B) have an estimated attendance of at least 30,000 people; and

(C) be advertised in the public domain.

(2) ADDITIONAL GATHERINGS.—To be eligible for a temporary flight restriction under this section, large public gatherings hosted in a venue other than a stadium or other venue described in paragraph (1)(A) shall—

(A) have an estimated attendance of at least 100,000 people;

(B) be primarily outdoors;

(C) have a defined and static geographical boundary; and

(D) be advertised in the public domain.

(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to request a temporary flight restriction under subsection (a) shall be a credentialed law enforcement organization of the Federal Government or a State, local, Tribal, or territorial government.

(e) TIMELINESS.—The Administrator shall make every practicable effort to assess eligibility and establish temporary flight restrictions under subsection (a) in a timely fashion.

(f) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—Any temporary flight restriction designated under this section shall be published by the Administrator in a publicly accessible manner at least 2 days prior to the start of the eligible large public gathering.

(g) PROHIBITION ON OPERATIONS.—No person may operate an unmanned aircraft within a temporary flight restriction established under this section unless—

(1) the Administrator authorizes the operation for operational or safety purposes;

(2) the operation is being conducted for safety, security, or compliance oversight purposes and is authorized by the Administrator; or

(3) the aircraft operation is conducted with the approval of the eligible entity.

(h) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section may be construed as prohibiting the Administrator from authorizing the operation of an aircraft, including an unmanned aircraft system, over, under, or within a specified distance from an eligible large public gathering for which a temporary flight restriction has been established under this section or cancelling a temporary flight restriction established under this section.

(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Administrator from using existing processes or procedures to meet the intent of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 118-63, title IX, §935(a), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1370.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 521 of the Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199), referred to in subsec. (c)(1)(A)(i), probably means section 521 of title V of div. F of Pub. L. 108-199, which is set out as a note under section 40103 of this title. The Act is comprised of div. F of Pub. L. 108-199.

§ 44813. Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall continue operation of the Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (referred to in this section as the “Center”).

(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Center shall carry out the following responsibilities:

(1) Conduct applied research and training on the safe and efficient integration of unmanned aircraft systems and advanced air mobility into the national airspace system.

(2) Promote and facilitate collaboration among academia, the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal agency partners, and industry stakeholders (including manufacturers, operators, service providers, standards development organizations, carriers, and suppliers), with respect to the safe and efficient integration of unmanned aircraft systems and advanced air mobility into the national airspace system.

(3) Establish goals set to advance technology, improve engineering practices, and facilitate continuing education with respect to

¹ See References in Text note below.

the safe and efficient integration of unmanned aircraft systems and advanced air mobility into the national airspace system.

(c) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.—The Administrator shall ensure the participation in the Center of institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) and research institutions that provide accredited bachelor’s degree programs in aeronautical sciences that provide pathways to commercial pilot certifications and that include a focus on pilot training for women aviators.

(d) LEVERAGING OF CERTAIN CAPACITY AND CAPABILITIES.—The Administrator shall, in carrying out research necessary to validate consensus safety standards accepted pursuant to section 44805, to the maximum extent practicable, leverage the research and testing capacity and capabilities of—

- (1) the Center;
- (2) the test ranges designated under section 44803;
- (3) existing Federal and non-Federal test ranges and testbeds;
- (4) the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and
- (5) the William J. Hughes Technical Center for Advanced Aerospace.

(Added Pub. L. 118–63, title X, §1006(a), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1388.)

§ 44814. ASSUREd Safe credentialing authority

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a credentialing authority for the program of record of the Federal Aviation Administration (referred to in this section as “ASSUREd Safe”) under the Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

(b) PURPOSES.—ASSUREd Safe shall offer services throughout the United States, and to allies and partners of the United States, including—

- (1) online and in-person standards, education, and testing for the use of unmanned aircraft systems by first responders for emergency and disaster management operations;
- (2) uniform communications standards, operational standards, and reporting standards for civilian, military, and international allies and partners; and
- (3) any other relevant standards development related to operation of unmanned aircraft systems, as determined appropriate by the Administrator.

(c) COORDINATION.—The Administrator shall ensure that the Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems coordinates with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on establishment of ASSUREd Safe, and on any services offered by ASSUREd Safe.

(Added Pub. L. 118–63, title X, §1007(a), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1389.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (a), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 118–63, which was approved May 16, 2024.

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