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BROADCAST REMOTE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT TO COME INTO EFFECT FROM 1 DECEMBER 2025

With effect from 1 December 2025, CAAS will require all Unmanned Aircraft (UA) weighing above 250g to be equipped with Broadcast Remote Identification (B-RID)¹, except where a) the UA operator has been granted an Operator Permit and is using the FlyItSafe mobile application when operating the UA; or b) the UA is operated indoors or in an enclosed environment.

2 CAAS announced this requirement in November 2024, to give UA operators over a year to comply with the regulation. To facilitate compliance, CAAS had also announced at that time that it would fully pay for the cost of the B-RID module units, inclusive of installation, as long as applications were made to CAAS between 1 January and 31 March 2025.

3 As of 15 October 2025, there were about 17,300 UA registered with CAAS that were not equipped with in-built B-RID capability at the point of registration. CAAS has issued 6,300 free B-RID modules to those who have applied for them. Based on feedback from UA owners, some may have installed their own B-RID modules while others may decide not to

¹ Described as a “digital licence plate” for UA, B-RID leverages Wi-Fi and Bluetooth technology to transmit information such as the UA’s position and serial number, the location of the UA operator, and the identification reference number of the operator.



fly their unequipped UA. UA operators who intend to continue flying their UA are reminded to install their own B-RID modules, if they have not already done so.

4 CAAS takes a serious view of unlawful UA operations because of the risk they pose to aviation and public safety and security. Operating a UA without meeting the B-RID requirement or intentionally broadcasting any remote identification information that is false or misleading is an offence. If convicted, a person is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both. For more information on the B-RID regulation, visit www.go.gov.sg/caas-brid.

5 Mr Tan Kah Han, Senior Director of the Unmanned Systems Group, CAAS, said, “The new requirement will be crucial in light of the current security landscape around the world where unlawful use of drones can pose a serious threat to aviation and public safety and security. We seek the cooperation of all UA operators to work with us to keep our skies safe as we continue to support and facilitate UA flights.”



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