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Question:

In some specialised forums we see some discussions on the applicability date of the EU Regulation on drones. Can you confirm that it has been in force since December 31, 2020? Are you aware of any EASA Member States requesting a postponement of the application of the Regulation?

Answer:

Correct! On December 31, 2020 the EU UAS Regulation became applicable in all EU Member States, plus two of the [EFTA](#) States: Norway and Liechtenstein. It is expected that it will soon become applicable in Switzerland and Iceland too. The Regulation includes transitional provisions so that certain elements become applicable later and the full Regulation will become applicable on the January 1, 2023. There are no plans to postpone this.

It is important to note that until January 1, 2023 the EU UAS Regulation does not apply to operations conducted in the context of model aircraft clubs and associations. After this date clubs or associations could receive an authorisation from their State (according to Article 16 of the EU UAS Regulation) allowing them to operate with different limitations and conditions, as set in that authorisation.

Therefore, model aircraft clubs and associations need to address this with their national aviation authorities. Other elements of the Regulation, like the definition of geographical zones, etc. have been already applicable since December 31, 2020.

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