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Question:

I fall under the 'open' category will I be able to fly my old drone after 31 December 2020 ?

Answer:

Yes, from 31 December 2020 to 1 January 2024, you may fly your drone without class Identification label in the 'open' category under the following conditions:

- drones with less than 500 g MTOM cannot fly over people, and pilot competency is determined by your National Aviation Authority;
- drones with less than 2 kg MTOM can fly 50 metres or more (horizontally) from people and the pilot must undergo training equivalent to subcategory A2 (see the FAQ section on training);
- drones with less than 25 kg MTOM, can fly in areas free from people, 150 metres or more away from properties, and the pilot must undergo training equivalent to subcategory A3 (see the FAQ section on training).

After 1 January 2024, you can still fly your drone without class identification labels, however, only under the following subcategories of operation, for which you have to fully comply with:

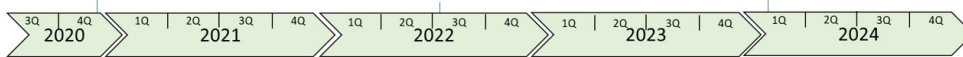
- Subcategory A1 when the drone's maximum take-off weight (MTOM) is less than 250 g;
or
- Subcategory A3 when the drone's maximum take-off weight is less than 25 kg.

You **will not need to apply any retrofit/sticker** to the drone in subcategories A1 or A3.

Regulation 2019/947 – Timeline

Applicability
(31st Dec 2020)

1st Jan 2024



Limited open category

UAS with MTOM < 500 g may operate in subcategory A1

UAS with MTOM < 2 kg may be operated at a minimum horizontal distance of 50 m from people

UAS with MTOM < 25kg may be operated in subcategory A3

Remote pilot competency defined by Member State

The complex block contains three diagrams illustrating the Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) for different subcategories of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Each diagram shows a 120m high cylindrical volume of air. The first diagram (top left) is for subcategory A1 (MTOM < 500g), showing a drone flying near a person on a bicycle. The second diagram (middle left) is for subcategory A2 (MTOM < 2kg), showing a drone flying at a distance from a person. The third diagram (top right) is for subcategory A3 (MTOM < 25kg), showing a drone flying further away from a person. A yellow box at the bottom left of the diagrams contains the text 'Remote pilot competency defined by Member State' and the EASA logo. A small blue box with the number '70' is at the bottom right of the diagrams.

Regulatory reference: Article 20 and Annex part A of EU regulation 2019/947 and EU regulation 2019/945.

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