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DJI Encourages Customers To Embrace New EU Drone Regulation

The Harmonized Framework Will Bring Streamlined Processes Across Most Of Europe

New European Drone regulation as laid out by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), will come into effect on 31 December 2020 and be applicable in all EU member states, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein as well as the UK. These new rules offer, for the first time, a harmonized framework across most European countries and will help drone pilots to operate their drones in different territories on the same conditions as in their

home country regardless of recreational or commercial purposes. This will effectively improve flight safety, simplify user approval procedures, facilitate users' personal and business applications, enhance user experience, and support rapid business development.

“We welcome the new EU Drone Regulation as it streamlines different processes and allows DJI customers to travel from country to country without having to worry about different rules in different foreign locations,” says Christian Struwe, Director of Public Policy at DJI EMEA. “Striking a balance between the need to harmonize regulation of the safe use of drone technology and allowing our customers to benefit freely from its growing potential has always been of paramount importance for DJI in Europe.”

The new regulation distinguishes between low, medium and high risk categories with different requirements for products and operators. The most widely used category will be the Open Category (low risk) which will be managed through the so-called CE (Conformité Européenne / European Conformity) marking process which is an established process for products sold in Europe to ensure they meet safety, health and environmental protection requirements. In addition to already existing CE marking, the new CE class identification labels for drones will define, amongst others, which types of drones (categorized by weight), can be flown in which type of environment (over people - A1 environment, near people - A2 environment or away from people - A3 environment).

For a transition period of two years, until 1 January 2023, DJI customers with drones bought before 1 January 2021 which do not have a CE class identification label can fly in the so-called Open Limited Category with very little or any disadvantage - where the following rules apply:

	Weight ¹	DJI Drone Type	Max flight height	Flight over people	Minimum age of pilot	Need for insurance	Registration	Knowledge test
A1	< 250g	Mavic Mini, DJI Mini 2	120m	Over individuals but not crowds	Depends on country	Depends on country	Yes	Yes, but which one depends on country
	250g - 499g	Mavic Air, Spark	120m	Not over uninjured ² people or crowds	Depends on country	Depends on country	Yes	Yes, but which one depends on country
A2	500g -< 2kg	Mavic Pro, Mavic 2, Mavic Air 2, Phantom series	120m	Minimum distance of 50m	Depends on country	Depends on country	Yes	Yes, but which one depends on country
A3	500g-< 2kg	Mavic Pro, Mavic 2, Mavic Air 2, Phantom series	120m	Minimum distance of 150m	Depends on country	Depends on country	Yes	Yes, but which one depends on country
	2kg -<25kg	Inspire and Matrice series	120m	Minimum distance of 150m	Depends on country	Depends on country	Yes	Yes, but which one depends on country

From 1 January 2023 DJI drones without CE class identification labels can only be operated in the Open Limited Category A1 (if they weigh below 250g) or A3 (between 250g and 25kg) and in the Specific Category.

For customers who buy DJI drones with CE class identification labels once they are available from 1 January 2021, rules that apply can be found [here](#) .

While the framework comes into effect on 31 December 2020, some countries will be slower to fully implement the rules than others. Therefore, it is important that drone operators check with their local authorities for details.

For more information please consult your national regulator or visit EASA's drone pages <https://www.easa.europa.eu/domains/civil-drones-rpas>

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