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EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT FOR REMOTE PILOT ONLINE THEORETICAL COMPETENCY AND, OR THE CERTIFICATE OF REMOTE PILOT COMPETENCY

The Irish Aviation Authority, in pursuance of Article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, hereby directs that:

1. UAS operators that meet, or have previously met, the remote pilot online theoretical competency for the ‘open’ A1¹ and ‘open’ A3² categories, or have held a certificate of remote pilot competency for the ‘open’ A2³ category, shall be exempt from the requirements to revalidate their remote pilot online theoretical competency and, or a certificate of remote pilot competency, until 15th August 2026.
2. UAS operators that have held a remote pilot certificate of theoretical knowledge for STS⁴, shall be exempt from the requirements to revalidate the certificate until 15th August 2026.
3. The application of the exemption by an individual or an organisation is subject to the following limitations:
 - Limited to remote pilots certificates issued by the Irish Aviation Authority prior to 14th August 2021.
 - Remote pilot certificates subject to suspension or revocation, and remote pilots subject to a direction not to operate a UAS under Statutory Instrument 24 of 2023 are excluded from this exemption.

**Chief Executive
Irish Aviation Authority**

¹ Required under UAS.OPEN.020(4)(b)

² Required under UAS.OPEN.040(3)

³ Required under UAS.OPEN.030(2)

⁴ Required under UAS.STS-01.020(3) and UAS.STS-02.020(10)