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The Irish Aviation Authority, pursuant to sections 5, 58, 59, 60, 65 and 67 of the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993 (No. 29 of 1993), hereby orders as follows:

*Citation*

1. This Order may be cited as the Irish Aviation Authority (Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)) (Amendment) (No .2) Order 2023.

*Amendment of the Principal Order*

2. The Principal Order is amended in regulation 2, by inserting the following definitions:

*“Counter-UAS System” means a system for the detection, classification, monitoring or neutralisation of unauthorised UAS.*

*“Aerodrome operator certified in accordance with the EASA Regulations” means the operator of an aerodrome holding a certificate issued in accordance with Article 36 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139.*

3. The Principal Order is amended by inserting after Article 21 the following:

*21A. (1) An aerodrome operator certified in accordance with the EASA Regulations may deploy a Counter-UAS System (C-UAS) for use within the aerodrome, subject to the approval of the Authority.*

*(2) If it appears to an aerodrome operator certified in accordance with the EASA Regulations that a UAS is being operated in such a manner as to cause a risk to the safety of civil aviation or give rise to a requirement to protect people or property, the aerodrome operator shall be entitled to take such steps as appear necessary to ensure the safety of civil aviation and/or public safety, as appropriate.*



Present when the common seal of the Irish Aviation Authority  
was affixed hereto  
7 March 2023

ROSE HYNES,  
Director

DECLAN FITZPATRICK,  
Director

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)*

This Order sets out the necessary national measures to provide for the authorisation, deployment and use of Counter-UAS System (C-UAS) within a certified aerodrome.

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