

Whilst the Falkland Islands Civil Aviation Department does not regulate the environmental impact of drones, we ask that you please respect the local wildlife and remain an acceptable distance away so as not to cause distress.

If you have any concerns about wildlife being affected by drones, please call the Environmental Planning Department on (+500) 28427

COMMERCIAL DRONE USE IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Understanding the law and your responsibilities

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DRONES AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Drone operations are growing globally, for increasingly innovative uses.

The Falkland Islands has acres of untouched natural beauty and wildlife, thousands of cruise ship tourists every year, a thriving fishing industry and a prosperous agricultural trade. It is for these reasons, plus others, that drones have become very useful and beneficial for the Falkland Islands.

The Falkland Islands Civil Aviation Department has a responsibility to regulate civil aviation in the Falkland Islands, and the use of drones (or Small Unmanned Aircraft) is included within that.

WHEN WILL YOU NEED A PERMISSION?

A Permission will need to be sought by you, and issued by the Director of Civil Aviation if:

- You are planning on conducting 'aerial work' with a drone.
- You are using a small unmanned surveillance aircraft (a drone with video capabilities) outside of the set conditions found in the regulations.



You can find out more about the regulations on the opposite page. Additionally, the full set of regulations can be found and downloaded on our website:
www.fig.gov.fk/aviation

WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

The Falkland Islands is a British Overseas Territory, meaning that we adhere to the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order (AN(OT)O). Article 73(5) of the AN(OT)O 2013 states:

“The person in charge of a small unmanned aircraft must not fly the aircraft for the purposes of aerial work except in accordance with a permission granted by the Governor.”*

'Aerial work' means any purpose (other than commercial air transport) for which an aircraft is flown, if valuable consideration is given or promised in respect of the flight or the purpose of the flight.

If you are unsure of whether your operations constitute as 'aerial work', then please contact the Falkland Islands Civil Aviation Department to discuss your plans with us.

* In this instance 'Governor' refers to the Director of Civil Aviation

HOW DO YOU GET A PERMISSION?

Application forms for Permissions, and a cover letter are available on our website (www.fig.gov.fk/aviation) under 'Operations'. Once you have downloaded and filled out the application form, submit the form to: civilaviation@sec.gov.fk

The application form will cover the following:

- Name of the operator
- Type of drone
- Weight of drone
- Start-up date
- Location of flight(s)
- Purpose of flight(s)
- Update of operating firmware

The cover letter provides information on current regulations and a definition of 'aerial work', along with details about Air Traffic Zones, and other considerations.

Once we have received the form, we will begin to process your application, and hope to issue your permission within 5 working days.

Contact the Civil Aviation Department for more information if required:



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