

Section 333

Our mission is the safe, efficient and timely integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) into the National Airspace System.

The agency is taking steps under Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (FMRA) to move forward with incremental UAS integration for specific, limited, low-risk civil operations in advance of the small UAS rule. FAA Administrator Michael Huerta has identified this activity as a priority.

UAS that can safely operate in a controlled, low-risk environment may be able to obtain authorization under Section 333. Under the law, the FAA will determine if a certification of waiver, certificate of authorization, or airworthiness certificate is required to authorize operations. Later this year, the FAA will begin considering operational approvals under Section 333 on a case-by-case basis.

Some industries expected to take advantage of Section 333 of the FMRA include:

- **Movie making**
- **Flare stack (oil/gas) monitoring**
- **Precision agriculture**
 - Surveillance of crops and livestock
 - Application of fertilizer/pesticides
- **Powerline inspections**



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