Discretionary Enforcement of Remote Identification Ends Soon

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On March 16, 2024, the FAA's discretionary enforcement period for remote identification (Remote ID) of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) ends. The following is a quick refresher on the topic and how to comply.

Q: *Who needs to comply with Remote ID?*

A: All radio-controlled aircraft that weigh more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) must comply. UAS include both traditional model aircraft and drones.

Q: *How do I comply?*

A: The three ways to comply are to operate a Standard Remote ID UAS; attach an after-market broadcast module to the UAS; or fly at an FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA).

Q: *How do I know if my UAS is equipped with Standard Remote ID?*

A: Most in our community will not meet the Remote ID rule with this option, because only complete, off-the-shelf UAS will have standard Remote ID built in. If you do purchase a complete system and are unsure if it meets the requirements, you can search its serial number at this site: https://uasdoc.faa.gov/listdocs. If it is not found, it does not meet the requirements for standard Remote ID.

Q: *How do I comply with the rule through the broadcast module option?*

A: There are several broadcast modules currently available. They differ in price, features, and options, so it is important to choose the module that works best for you. Visit https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2023/03/29/remote-id-broadcast-module-update. It might be a helpful resource.

Q: *Do I need to purchase a module for each of my aircraft?*

A: No. Broadcast modules can be moved from aircraft to aircraft. You certainly can purchase more than one, but recreational operators are not required to have a module for each of their aircraft. Be sure to add the broadcast module to your FAA DroneZone dashboard.

Q: *Where can I find a FRIA or determine whether my flying site has this status?*

A: The AMA Club Finder tool has a filter option for FRIAs at www.modelaircraft.org/club-finder. You can search by city/state and check the box next to FRIA sites; only sites that are FRIA approved will be included in the search. The FAA's UAS Facility Map has also been updated to include FRIA sites across the country.

Q: *How do I apply for FRIA status for my flying site?*

A: Please send an email to fria@modelaircraft.org to get started.

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