



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 063-2025

**TO : ALL CONCERNED**

**FROM : THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**SUBJECT : REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF ULTRALIGHT VEHICLES**

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Recent accidents involving ultralight vehicles prevalent among recreational or flying club activities have exposed significant safety and regulatory oversight gaps.

In order to ensure the safe conduct of ultralight operations within the Philippine airspace, to promote aviation safety, protect persons and property both in the air and on the ground, and to support the orderly development of recreational and sport aviation activities pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 9497 and the Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations (PCAR), the following rules are hereby prescribed:

## **SECTION 1 - GENERAL**

### **I. APPLICABILITY**

This Memorandum Circular (MC) prescribes the requirements and conditions governing the operation of ultralight vehicles within the Republic of the Philippines.

For the purpose of this MC, an ultralight vehicle shall be defined as a vehicle that:

- (a) Is used or intended to be used for manned operation in the air by a single occupant;
- (b) Is used or intended to be used for recreation or sport purposes only;
- (c) Does not have any Republic of the Philippines or foreign airworthiness certificate; and
- (d) If unpowered, weighs less than 70.31 kilograms (155 pounds); or
- (e) If powered:
  - (i) Weighs less than 115.21 kilograms (254 pounds) empty weight, excluding floats and safety devices which are intended for deployment in a potentially catastrophic situation;
  - (ii) Has a fuel capacity not exceeding 5 gallons;
  - (iii) Is not capable of more than 55 knots calibrated airspeed at full power in level flight; and
  - (iv) Has a power-off stall speed which does not exceed 24 knots calibrated airspeed.



## **II. TECHNICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Authority shall constitute and appoint the members of the Technical Standards Committee for Ultralight vehicle to ensure the development, evaluation, and harmonization of technical standards applicable to ultralight vehicle. The members shall possess the requisite qualifications, expertise, and experience in ultralight operations, and shall be responsible for the assessment, formulation, and recommendation of technical standards and procedures.
- (b) The Technical Standards Committee (TSC) shall be composed of not less than three (3) technically qualified persons who shall determine compliance of a given ultralight vehicle with the requirements prescribed under this Memorandum Circular. The Committee shall:
  - 1. Be recognized by a flying club;
  - 2. Be composed of individuals who are not directly associated with the manufacture and/or sale of the make or model of the ultralight vehicle subject to inspection; and
  - 3. Conduct its review and document its findings in accordance with the procedures and guidance specified in this Circular.

## **III. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) Any person operating an ultralight vehicle under these rules shall, upon request, allow the technical standards committee to inspect the vehicle to determine compliance with these rules.
- (b) The pilot or operator of an ultralight vehicle must, upon request of the technical standards committee, furnish satisfactory evidence that the vehicle is subject only to the provisions of these rules.

## **IV. EXEMPTION**

- (a) No person may conduct operations that require a deviation from these rules unless, upon application, an exemption has been granted by the Director General.

## **V. CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other regulations pertaining to certification of aircraft or their parts or equipment, ultralight vehicles and their component parts and equipment are not required to meet the airworthiness certification standards specified for aircraft or to have certificates of airworthiness.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other section pertaining to airman licenses, operators of ultralight vehicles are not required to meet any aeronautical knowledge, age, or experience requirements to operate those vehicles or to have airman or medical certificates.

- (c) Notwithstanding any other section pertaining to registration and marking of aircraft, ultralight vehicles are not required to be registered or to bear markings of any type.

## **SECTION 2 - OPERATING RULES**

### **VI. HAZARDOUS OPERATIONS**

- (a) No person may operate any ultralight vehicle in a manner that creates a hazard to other persons or property.
- (b) No person may allow an object to be dropped from an ultralight vehicle.

### **VII. DAYLIGHT OPERATIONS**

- (a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle except between the hours of sunrise and sunset.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), ultralight vehicles may be operated during the twilight periods 30 minutes before official sunrise and 30 minutes after official sunset, if:
  - (1) The vehicle is equipped with an operating anticollision light visible for at least 3 statute miles; and
  - (2) All operations are conducted in uncontrolled airspace.

### **VIII. OPERATION NEAR AIRCRAFT; RIGHT-OF-WAY RULES**

- (a) Each person operating an ultralight vehicle shall maintain vigilance so as to see and avoid aircraft and shall yield the right-of-way to all aircraft.
- (b) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle in a manner that creates a collision hazard with respect to any aircraft.
- (c) Powered ultralights shall yield the right-of-way to unpowered ultralights.

### **IX. OPERATIONS OVER CONGESTED AREAS**

- (a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, or over any open-air assembly of persons.

### **X. OPERATIONS IN CERTAIN AIRSPACE**

- (a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle within Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D airspace or within the lateral boundaries of the surface area of Class E airspace designated for an airport unless that person has prior authorization from the ATC facility having jurisdiction over that airspace.

### **XI. OPERATIONS IN PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED AREAS**

(a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle in prohibited or restricted areas unless that person has permission from the using or controlling agency, as appropriate.

**XII. FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN THE PROXIMITY OF CERTAIN AREAS DESIGNATED BY NOTICE TO AIRMEN**

(a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle in areas designated in a Notice to Airmen under flight restrictions, unless authorized by Air Traffic Control (ATC).

**XIII. VISUAL REFERENCE WITH THE SURFACE**

(a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle except by visual reference with the surface.

**XIV. FLIGHT VISIBILITY AND CLOUD CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS**

(a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle when the flight visibility or distance from clouds is less than that in the table found below. All operations in Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D airspace or Class E airspace designated for an airport must receive prior ATC authorization as required in subsection IX of these rules.

Airspace	Flight visibility	Distance from clouds
Class A	Not applicable	Not Applicable.
Class B	3 statute miles	Clear of Clouds.
Class C	3 statute miles	500 feet below. 1,000 feet above. 2,000 feet horizontal.
Class D	3 statute miles	500 feet below. 1,000 feet above. 2,000 feet horizontal.
Class E:		
Less than 10,000 feet MSL	3 statute miles	500 feet below. 1,000 feet above. 2,000 feet horizontal.
At or above 10,000 feet MSL	5 statute miles	1,000 feet below. 1,000 feet above. 1 statute mile horizontal.
Class G:		

Airspace	Flight visibility	Distance from clouds
1,200 feet or less above the surface (regardless of MSL altitude)	1 statute mile	Clear of clouds.
More than 1,200 feet above the surface but less than 10,000 feet MSL	1 statute mile	500 feet below. 1,000 feet above. 2,000 feet horizontal.
More than 1,200 feet above the surface and at or above 10,000 feet MSL	5 statute miles	1,000 feet below. 1,000 feet above. 1 statute mile horizontal.

*Effectivity.* This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately after compliance with the requisite publication in a single newspaper of general circulation and a copy filed with the U.P. Law Center – Office of the National Administrative Register.

Signed this 13 day of NOV 2025, CAAP, Pasay City

  
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