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To all civil UAS users,

Dear civil UAS users,

Letter of engagement for the planning of Helicopter Training Areas.

References :

1. Ministerial Decree dated 21 Dec 20 defining the UAS geographical zones in Belgium
2. AIP Belgium & Luxembourg ENR 5.2 Chapter 2 Helicopter Training Areas

1. This letter of engagement aims at facilitating the planning of civil UAS flights. It is an engagement from Defence towards all civil UAS operators to avoid, as far as practical, the booking of some Helicopter Training Areas during specific day(s) of the week.
2. Context:
   a. For safety reasons and in accordance with Ref 1:
      (1) If LFA 11 or an HTA is active, only operations with UAS up to 900 grams and flying at or below 35 feet AGL are allowed, except if they are operated from a model aircraft terrain, in respect to its operational conditions and with the approval of its operator.
      (2) If one or a combination of the LFA01 until LFA07 is/are active, only operations flying at or below 150 feet AGL are allowed.
      (3) These access conditions are necessary to mitigate the potential consequences of a collision between an UAS and a helicopter or a single engine jet aircraft due to the unpredictability of very low-level flights of military helicopters or jet aircraft.
   b. The use of the military low-level training zones is highly dependent on the meteorological conditions. This explains why their activation is announced by NOTAM not earlier than one day prior, at 16:00LT.
3. Engagement:
   a. In order to reconcile the military and the civil requirements, Defence engages to:
      (1) Continue to book HTA “as needed”, both in time and in space;
      (2) Continue to apply the HTA cancellation procedure when a booked HTA is no longer required;
      (3) Promote the use of the HTA calendar in enclosure B. This calendar will be adhered to as far as the weather conditions and the planning of largescale exercises are permitting its application.

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(4) Communicate as soon as possible, via NOTAM or any other means, the organization of largescale helicopter exercises preventing the application of the HTA calendar.

Respectfully,

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Annex A

Abbreviations.

AIP	Aeronautical Information Publication
AGL	Above Ground Level
ENR	Enroute
HTA	Helicopter Training Area
NOTAM	Notice To Airmen
UAS	Unmanned Aircraft System

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Annex B

HTA planning intentions.

HTA	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	X			X	X
2	X		X		X
3 A/B		X			
4 B			X	X	
4 A/B		X			
5 B			X		
5 A/B				X	
6					X
7	X				
8	X	X		X	X
10A	X	X	X		
10B			X		
10C				X	
10D					X
12A	X	X	X		X
12B	X	X	X	X	
13	X		X		X
14 A/B		X		X	

	As far as practical, free for UAS
X	Booked **as needed** for mil activities. (Cfr NOTAM - droneguidemap)