

Consultation: Acceptable Means of Compliance & Guidance Material to *Regulation (EU) 2019/947 as retained (and amended in UK domestic law)*.

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Chapter 1

Executive Summary

Background

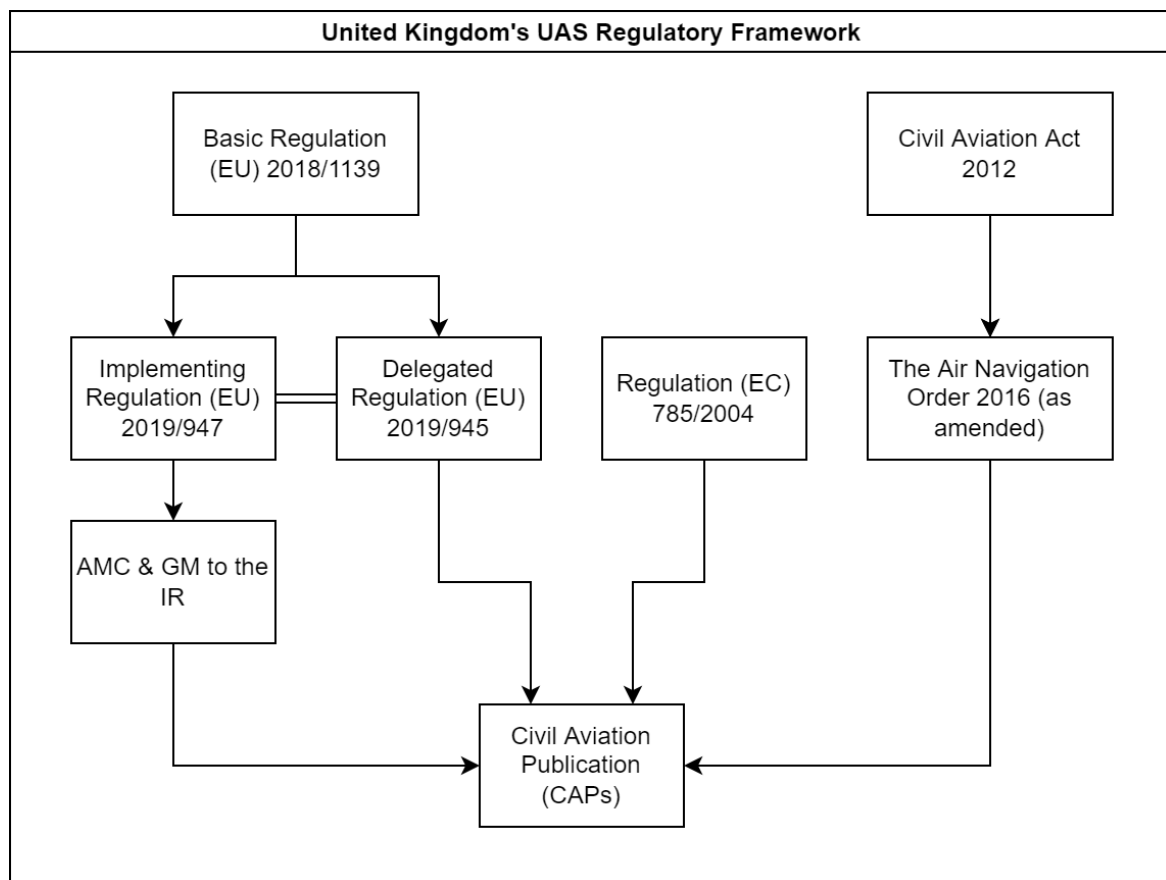
Prior to January 2021 the legal framework for UAS in the United Kingdom was set out within the Air Navigation Order 2016 (as amended), which was supported by Civil Aviation Publication's (CAPs), primarily the CAP 722 series.

In January 2021 this framework changed significantly.

Below is a diagram that shows the main sources of legislation for UAS today. The primary legislative source for UAS is now UK Regulation (EU) 2019/947.

Supporting this is the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material for each article within this Regulation. AMC and GM are formally adopted by the CAA and are subject to more legal requirements than a CAP, and therefore hold legal status. AMC and GM sit 'above' CAPs, which are used to support AMC/GM and regulatory requirements.

It is the CAA's responsibility to develop and issue AMC & GM across aviation regulation.



What is AMC and GM?

In general

AMC is non-binding policy developed by the CAA that can be used to demonstrate compliance with the Basic Regulation and its Implementing Rules. As it is non-binding an applicant may choose to offer an alternative means of compliance (which must be reviewed and accepted by the CAA). However, it is important to note they will lose the presumption of compliance provided by the CAA AMC. This will likely result in significantly longer application processing times and in turn, increased application cost.

GM is also non-binding and provides explanatory and interpretation material on requirements contained within Basic Regulation the Implementing Rules, and the AMC. It contains information, including examples, to assist the applicant with the interpretation of the legislative provisions.

Specifically relating to UK Regulation (EU) 2019/947

The AMC & GM document being consulted on pertains to the articles within UK Regulation (EU) 2019/947, commonly referred to as the *UAS Implementing Regulation*. The AMC & GM document follows a similar structure to the regulation itself. Moving forward, this AMC & GM document will replace a significant proportion of what is currently contained within the CAP 722 series. This is to provide the correct legal structure to all our policy.

Why are we consulting?

It is important to the CAA that the public have an opportunity to voice their opinion on matters that could affect them. It is recognised that a public consultation provides a larger breadth of expertise and experience than contained within the CAA alone. There is also a legal requirement to consult when creating or amending AMC and GM, due to the legal status of these documents.

This document represents a significant publication that will impact all UAS operations within the Open and Specific Category. The CAA are keen to hear what you think about this draft version of what will become AMC & GM.

Chapter 2

Next steps and how to respond

- 2.1 A full list of the consultation questions can be found in appendix A.
- 2.2 Responses to this consultation which can be submitted electronically via the [consultation](#) by no later than 31 August 2022.
- 2.3 Any enquiries regarding this consultation should be submitted via email to uavenquiries@caa.co.uk
- 2.4 We will consider all responses and aim to publish a final version by 31 August 2022.

APPENDIX A

Consultation Structure

Given the length of the document being consulted on the CAA has chosen a mechanism of capturing feedback that allows for the simplest interrogation of the data.

To that end, each line within the AMC & GM document is sequentially numbered. If you identify an area you wish to provide feedback, please follow the steps below.

1. Select the line number of where your feedback relates.
2. Select the most appropriate classification for your feedback from the drop-down menu
3. Use the free text box to provide your feedback on that section, including any revised text that you wish to propose.
4. Repeat for each piece of unique feedback that you wish to provide.