

PREMIER OUTDOOR DRONE SERVICES, LLC

FAA Regulatory Capabilities Statement

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REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Premier Outdoor Drone Services, LLC holds **FAA Grant of Exemption No. 23578** (Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2024-2626), issued March 25, 2025, under 49 U.S.C. §§ 106(f), 40113, 44701, and 44807. The exemption authorizes commercial agricultural UAS operations under 14 CFR Part 137 using unmanned aircraft weighing 55 lbs or more, and is paired with an FAA-issued blanket Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA) permitting operations in Class G airspace at or below 400 ft AGL.

Exemption No.	23578
Docket No.	FAA-2024-2626
Effective	March 25, 2025
Expires	April 30, 2027 (unless sooner superseded or rescinded)
Authorized Weight Class	55 lbs and greater MTOW (including payload)

OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES UNDER THIS EXEMPTION

- Authorized to operate UAS weighing 55 lbs or more (including payload) for commercial agricultural-related services under 14 CFR Part 137.
- Any UAS on the FAA List of Approved Agricultural UAS (Docket No. FAA-2023-1271) may be flown under this authority — not limited to a single airframe or manufacturer.
- Single-pilot operation of up to three (3) UAS simultaneously, using automated, self-separating flight control systems.
- Day and night flight operations, with FAA-compliant anti-collision and identification lighting for night work.
- Operations with or without a dedicated Visual Observer (VO), per FAA-approved training and procedures.
- Standard operating altitude up to 200 ft AGL (up to 400 ft AGL under the accompanying blanket COA), in Class G airspace.
- Groundspeed up to 30 mph in standard operations.
- Tiered close-proximity operations near structures, roadways, waterways, vessels, and vehicles — as close as 100 ft (with geo-fencing, PIC experience minimums, reduced speed/altitude, and landowner authorization).
- Operations over program participants and controlled-access private/segregated property, supporting solar farm vegetation management, aquatic vegetation control, and hunting-lease preparation work.
- Operates under an FAA-issued blanket Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA) alongside the Part 137 exemption.

14 CFR SECTIONS EXEMPTED

The following manned-aircraft-oriented regulations are waived to the extent necessary to permit UAS agricultural operations. Full conditions and limitations are on file with the FAA and available upon request.

CFR Citation	What It Normally Requires
§ 61.3(a)(1)(i)	Requirement to personally hold an airman pilot certificate — satisfied instead by a Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate.
§ 61.3(c)(1)	Requirement to hold an FAA medical certificate for manned-aircraft privileges.
§ 61.23(a)(2)	Requirement for a current airman medical certificate, replaced with UAS-specific medical/fitness conditions.

§ 91.7(a)	Civil aircraft airworthiness certificate requirement (UAS in this weight class have none by design).
§ 91.119(c)	Standard 500-ft minimum safe altitude over persons, vessels, vehicles, and structures — replaced with tiered, geo-fenced proximity operations.
§ 91.121	Altimeter setting requirements written for manned aircraft.
§ 91.151(b)	VFR fuel-reserve requirements written for manned, fuel-gauge-equipped aircraft.
§ 91.209(a)(1)	Manned-aircraft position/anti-collision lighting standards — replaced with UAS-specific lighting for night operations.
§ 91.403(b)	Manned-aircraft airworthiness-limitation maintenance compliance.
§ 91.405(a)	Owner/operator inspection responsibility under Part 43 — replaced with manufacturer-based UAS maintenance program.
§ 91.407(a)(1)	Requirement that a certificated mechanic return the aircraft to service after maintenance.
§ 91.409(a)(1)–(2)	Manned-aircraft annual/100-hour inspection cycle.
§ 91.417(a)–(b)	Manned-aircraft maintenance recordkeeping format.
§ 137.19(c)	Aircraft airworthiness certificate requirement for the Agricultural Aircraft Operator Certificate (AAOC).
§ 137.19(d)	Manned agricultural aircraft equipment requirements.
§ 137.19(e)(2)(ii), (iii), (v)	Specific manned-aircraft knowledge/skill test elements not applicable to UAS operation.
§ 137.31(a)–(b)	Manned-aircraft general operating height/area rules.
§ 137.33(a)–(b)	Manned-aircraft personnel certificate/rating requirements.
§ 137.41(c)	Manned-aircraft congested-area dispensing restrictions.
§ 137.42	Congested-area operating plan requirement written for manned aircraft.

This statement summarizes FAA Exemption No. 23578 and its accompanying blanket COA for business-development purposes. It is not a substitute for the full exemption document, which governs in all cases and is available upon request.