Interim MATS Amendment

IMA V77_05

Title	Model aircraft assessment process		
Valid from	2610291600	**Valid to**	2703171600
CRC	55108		
Replaces	IMA_V77_04		
Background	MATS prescribes the use of the RPAS assessment process for model aircraft. Different interpretations of that requirement have resulted in inconsistent application of assessment methodologies for model aircraft operating areas. These differences have the potential to affect the safety of other airspace users. Acknowledging the differences between RPAS and model aircraft, this IMA creates a separate process to follow when consulted about model aircraft area approvals in controlled airspace. This may be used to reassess any previously rejected area approvals.		

What to do with this IMA	• Using a highlighter, colour the clause number of every clause affected by this IMA. • Where a new clause is inserted draw a line across the page to show readers the insertion point. • When a clause is inserted or deleted, renumber subsequent clauses. • Put this IMA into the front cover sleeve. • Sign the IMA Check-off Table on the sleeve. • If this IMA is not effective immediately, the MATS Electronic Edition will be pending under the 'Other Documents' title on the MATS webpage.
Clause number	**Action**
5.1.14.1	Clause updated
5.1.14.1.1	Clause deleted

5.1.14.1 Model aircraft approvals

When consulted about a model aircraft area within controlled airspace, complete a risk assessment to determine the impact on ATS. Considerations may include:

a) proximity of the area to aircraft flight paths;
b) proximity of the area to other airspace activities;
c) availability of clearances for controlled flights to avoid the area;
d) size and speed of the model aircraft;
e) intended hours of operation;
f) whether the operating area is, or will be, published in AIP;
g) whether a responsible person is contactable during operations; and
h) relevant safety occurrence reports.

Note: *Model aircraft operators have a regulatory requirement not to operate in such a way as to create a hazard to aircraft.*