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**“Suggestions for draft Drone Rules,2021.”**

**S. 1 : Define Airworthiness**

Under Sec. 2(d) of the Rules the “Certificate of Airworthiness” is provided. The concept of airworthiness of any vehicle depends upon the type and technical and mechanical variation of the vehicle. It is suggested that the definition of the term ‘Airworthiness’ with parameters associated with it shall be provided in the Rules, 2021.

**S.2 : Definition of Drone**

The definition of ‘Drone’ under Section 2(f) shall include the term “any unmanned Aerial vehicle controlled by mechanical means including that of remote control or otherwise.” It will take variation coming into the technology in future.

**S.3: The classification of Drones**

The classification of Drones shall be extended further. The classification shall be made on the basis of Speed, Weight and other ancillary factors such as capacity to carry any device such as camera with pixels, night vision device, etc. the weight, mass, breadth and size shall also be taken into consideration

**S.4: Digital Platform**

The concept of ‘Digital Platform’ shall be subject to the existing laws on the information technology and rules and regulation in that behalf with the special emphasis on the cyber security and integrity and sovereignty of India.

**S.5 Privacy and Access**

The provision shall be included in respect to the privacy of the individuals and the information restored on the device such as camera and any other network enabled storage device together with the drone. The rules shall include the authority in relation to the monitoring the data restored on the device or the drone with strict regards to the privacy of the individual and access to such data or information with permission of the competent authority.

**S.6 Applicability of the other laws and regulations**

Whether the laws in existence in India are applied together with the Drone Rules or limited application is sought shall be clarified further. The Information Technology Act, 2000, The Telecom Regulations, The Right to Information Act, The Official Secrets Acts, and the other civil aviation norms shall be considered with the joint, complete or partial applicability of the drone rules.

**S.7 Contraventions and Penalties**

The Contraventions and Penalties for the breach of the provisions, rules, regulations and directions or instructions from the civil aviation ministry or any authority under the civil aviation authority shall be made as punishable offence or with heavy penalty.

S. 8 The breach restrictions, instructions from any local or domestic authority shall be provided with the cancellation of license or permission to use drones.

S.9 The verification squad on temporary regional assignment for observations and audit for the use of the drone as per the approved norms shall be provided under the Rules.

- **NOTE-“ S” STANDS FOR SUGGESTIONS**

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