

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to provide for establishment of Civil Unmanned Aircraft System Authority for Pakistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a civil unmanned aircraft system authority for the promotion of peaceful use and application of civil unmanned aircraft system for commercial, research and development, agriculture and recreation purposes;

AND WHEREAS to regulate and promote production, design, manufacturing, acquisition, possession, export and import of civil unmanned aircraft system;

AND WHEREAS ~~and~~ to prohibit and criminalize its unauthorized use, application, production, manufacturing, acquisition, possession, and export and import of such civil unmanned aircraft system; and for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

PART I
PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act shall be called the Civil Unmanned Aircraft System Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come in to force at once.

(3) It shall extend to whole of Pakistan.

2. **Definitions.**—In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or the context -

(a) “**Authority**” means the Civil Unmanned Aircraft System Authority established under section 5;

(b) “**Chairman**” means Chairman of the Authority;

(c) “**Director General**” means the Director-General of the Authority appointed under section 8 of the Act;

(d) “**Fund**” means the Fund as provided in section 16;

(e) “**Member**” means Member of the Authority including the Chairman;

(f) “**Prescribed**” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(g) “**Civil Unmanned Aircraft System**” or “**CUAS**” means a pilot-less aircraft which is either remotely or fully controlled from another place (ground, another aircraft, space) or programmed and fully autonomous;

(h) “**Rules**” means rules made under this Act;

(i) “**Regulations**” means the regulations made under this Act;

(j) “**Specified**” means specified by regulations made under this Act;

(k) “**International Civil Aviation Organization**” or “**ICAO**” means an international body established to regulate civil aviation activities throughout the world; and

- (l) "Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority" or "PCAA" means an authority established under section 3 of the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority, Ordinance 1982 (XXX of 1982);

PART II

Establishment of Civil Unmanned Aircraft System Authority

3. **Establishment of the Authority.**—(1) As soon as may be, but not later than thirty days after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish an Authority to be known as "Civil Unmanned Aircraft System Authority" for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with administrative and financial powers, subject to the provisions of this Act, to enter into agreements, contracts, acquire and hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable and to sue and to be sued.

4. **Power of the Federal Government to issue directives.**—The Federal Government may, as and when it considers necessary, issue directives to the Authority on matters of policy, and such directives shall be binding on the Authority, and if a question arises whether any matter is a matter of policy or not, the decision of the Federal Government shall be final.

5. **Composition of the Authority.**—(1) The general direction and administration of the institution and its affairs shall vest in the Authority, which shall exercise all powers and perform all its functions in accordance with this Act.

- (2) The Authority shall consist of the following members, namely —
 - (a) Secretary of the Division to which the affairs of the Authority are allocated Chairman
 - (b) Vice Chief of Air Staff Member
 - (c) Director General, Civil Aviation Authority Member
 - (d) An Officer not below BPS 20 of Aviation Division Member
 - (e) An Officer not below BPS 20 of Ministry of Defence Member
 - (f) An Officer not below BPS 20 of Ministry of Defence Production Member
 - (g) An Officer not below BPS 20 of Ministry of Interior Member
 - (h) An Officer not below BPS 20 of Ministry of Science & Technology Member
 - (i) Representative from FBR not below BPS-20 Member
 - (j) Representatives from federating units including Gilgit-Baltistan and Government of Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir not below BPS-20 Members
 - (k) Three eminent experts in civil unmanned aircraft system technology from private sector to be nominated by the Federal Government Members
- (l) Representative from Survey of Pakistan not below BPS 20 Member

(m)	Representative from SUPARCO not below BPS 20	Member
(n)	Representative from Army Service Group Engineers (ASGE)	Member
(o)	Two members to be nominated by GHQ equivalent to Brigadier rank or above	Member
(p)	Secretary of Authority	Secretary

(3) The Federal Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, amend sub-section (2) so as to add any clause thereto, or modify or omit any clause thereof.

(4) The members, other than ex-officio members, shall be appointed in accordance with the prescribed manner.

(5) The members, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of appointment and shall be eligible for appointment of another term of three years.

(6) The Authority may co-opt any other official / person for any particular agenda item by special invitation.

(7) A member, other than an ex-officio member, may resign from his office by writing under his own hand, addressed to the Chairman. The same shall be submitted to Federal Government for decision.

6. Meetings of the Authority.—(1) The meetings of the Authority shall be held at least thrice a year at such times and places and in such manner as may be specified by regulations -

Provided that until regulations are made in this behalf, the meetings shall be held as and when convened by the Chairman.

(2) The Chairman or, in his absence, a member authorized by him on his behalf and three members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting.

(3) The decisions shall be taken by the majority of members present in a particular meeting, and in case of a tie, the member presiding a meeting shall have a casting vote.

(4) The members shall receive such fee and expenses for each meeting, as may be specified.

7. Director General, terms and conditions of appointment.—(1) The Director-General shall be appointed by the Federal Government who shall be the executive head of the Authority and shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may, by general or specific delegation, be assigned to him by the Authority, from time to time --

Provided that till a Director General is appointed, on regular basis, the Prime Minister may, immediate after commencement of this Act, appoint an acting Director General of the Authority for a maximum term of three months -