NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 15 July 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Amendment to the Definition of Unmanned Aircraft Accident

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| **Reason for Addendum:** | |
| [ ] | Comment period changed - date: |
| [ ] | Notified measure adopted - date: |
| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 14 July 2022 |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: 15 August 2022 |
| [X] | Text of final measure available from[[1]](#footnote-1):  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-07-14/html/2022-14872.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-07-14/pdf/2022-14872.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/USA/final_measure/22_4695_00_e.pdf> |
| [ ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:  Relevant symbol if measure re-notified: |
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| [ ] | Other: |

**Description:** TITLE: Amendment to the Definition of Unmanned Aircraft Accident

AGENCY: National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is issuing a final rule, amending the definition of "Unmanned aircraft accident" by removing the weight-based requirement and replacing it with an airworthiness certificate requirement. The weight threshold is no longer an appropriate criterion because unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) under 300 lbs. are operating in high-risk environments, such as beyond line-of-sight and over populated areas. The amended definition will allow the NTSB to be notified of and quickly respond to UAS events with safety significance. Since the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), the agency considered comments and as a result eliminated the "airworthiness approval," while keeping "airworthiness certification."

This rule is effective 15 August 2022.

This final rule and the notice of proposed rulemaking notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1732](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN21/USA1732.DOCX) are identified by Docket Number NTSB-2021-0004. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NTSB-2021-0004/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)