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Question:

I am a drone manufacturer and I need to test my product in flight to obtain a Class marking. Do I need to apply for a 'specific' operation authorisation?

Answer:

No. A drone under development can be considered 'privately built' that can fly in the 'Open' sub-category A3. In fact, a '*privately built UAS' means a UAS assembled or manufactured for the builder's own use, not including UAS assembled from sets of parts placed on the market as a single ready-to-assemble kit.* In this case, the UAS is manufactured/assembled for the manufacturer's use.

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