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Question:

Which are the maximum take-off mass requirements in the 'open' category for drones without class identification label?

Answer:

As explained in the following article, [Drone Open Category - Applicable requirements to fly from the 1st of January 2024 | EASA](#) and according to the [EU Regulation 2019/947](#), from 1 January 2024, you can fly a drone without a class identification label if you operate in the open category in:

- **Subcategory A1:** if the drone has a maximum take-off mass of less than 250 g, including its payload;
- **Subcategory A3:** if the drone has a maximum take-off mass of less than 25 kg, including its fuel and payload.

Only for drones with a class mark, manufacturers have the responsibility for declaring the maximum take-off mass of the drone. This means that, when using a drone without a class identification label the maximum take-off mass is not available. In this case the remote pilot has the possibility to weight the drone before the flight and make sure it is within the above limits.

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