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Cleared for Takeoff: FAA to Allow Commercial Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations Later this Year

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On July 19, the FAA [issued](#) a Restricted Category type certificate to two small, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) that permits aerial surveillance in the Arctic, a significant development that will pave the way for commercial UAS operations later this year (previously discussed [here](#) and [here](#)). Previous military use of the approved UAS helped facilitate FAA's action, which comes as an encouraging sign for aerospace manufacturers seeking new markets as well as other industries anticipating the emergence of civilian UAS, including agriculture, oil and gas exploration, law enforcement, and security.

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