

# 537.7001 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

"Adversary country", as defined in Executive Order 13981, means the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, or, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce, any other foreign nation, foreign area, or foreign non-government entity engaging in long-term patterns or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the national or economic security of the United States.

"Drones", terminology commonly used to refer to unmanned aircraft, unmanned aircraft system, or covered unmanned aircraft system—

(a) "Unmanned Aircraft", as defined in 14 CFR Part 1, means an aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft. Unmanned Aircraft is synonymous with UAS.

(b) "Unmanned Aircraft System", as defined in 14 CFR Part 1, means an unmanned aircraft and its associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the safe and efficient operation of the unmanned aircraft in the airspace of the United States. UAS is commonly referred to as "drones".

(c) "Covered Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)", as defined in Executive Order 13981, means any UAS that:

(1) is manufactured, in whole or in part, by an entity domiciled in an adversary country;

(2) uses critical electronic components installed in flight controllers, ground control system processors, radios, digital transmission devices, cameras, or gimbals manufactured, in whole or in part, in an adversary country;

(3) uses operating software (including cell phone or tablet applications, but not cell phone or tablet operating systems) developed, in whole or in part, by an entity domiciled in an adversary country;

(4) uses network connectivity or data storage located outside the United States, or administered by any entity domiciled in an adversary country; or

(5) contains hardware and software components used for transmitting photographs, videos, location information, flight paths, or any other data collected by the UAS manufactured by an entity domiciled in an adversary country.

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