

## BREAKING: DC Court of Appeals Strikes Down FAA Drone Registration Rule for Hobbyists

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In a ruling issued today, the the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit vacated the FAA's Registration Rule for small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS or drones) that are operated for recreational purposes, otherwise known as "model aircraft." If the ruling stands, hobbyist and recreational drone enthusiasts will no longer be required to register their drones with the FAA. The ruling does not affect existing requirements for commercial operators to register their UAS with the FAA.

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