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14CFR — Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations	METAR — Meteorological Aerodrome Reports
AC — Advisory Circular	MOA — Military Operations Area
ACS — Airman Certification Standards	MOC — Memorandum of Compliance
ADM — Aeronautical Decision Making	MSL — Mean Sea Level
ADS-B — Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast	MTR — Military Training Route
AFM — Aircraft Flight Manual	NAS — National Airspace System
AGL — Above Ground Level	NASA — National Aeronautics and Space Administration
AIM — Aeronautical Information Manual	NIST — National Institute of Standards and Technology
AIRMET — Airmen's Meteorological Information	NM — Nautical Mile
AIS — Aeronautical Identification System	NOTAM — Notice to Airmen
ASOS — Automated Surface Observing System	NTSB — National Transportation Safety Board
ASRS — Aviation Safety Reporting System	NWS — National Weather Service
ATC — Air Traffic Control	OOP — Operations Over People
ATCT — Airport Traffic Control Tower	PAVE — Pilot, Aircraft, enVironment, and External Pressures
ATIS — Automated Terminal Information Service	PIC — Pilot in Command
AWC — Air Worthiness Certification Tool	RID — Remote ID
AWOS — Automated Weather Observing System	RM — Risk Management
BVLOS — Beyond Visual Line of Sight	RPA — Remotely Piloted Aircraft
CAA — Civil Aviation Authority	RPAS — Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems
CBO — Community-Based Organizations	RPIC — Remote Pilot in Command
CFR — Code of Federal Regulations	SA — Situation Awareness
CG — Center of Gravity	SATR — Special Air Traffic Rule
COW — Certificate of Waiver	SBT — Scenario Based Training
CRM — Crew Resource Management	SFC — Surface
CTAF — Common Traffic Advisory Frequency	SFRA — Special Flight Rules Area
DOC — Declaration of Compliance	SIGMET — Significant Meteorological Information
EMI — Electromagnetic Interference	SRM — Single Pilot Resource Management
ESC — Electronic Speed Controller	SUA — Small Unmanned Aircraft

FAA — Federal Aviation Administration	SUAS — Small Unmanned Aircraft System
FCC — Federal Communications Commission	TAF — Terminal Area Forecast
FL — Flight Level	TFR — Temporary Flight Restriction
FLIP — Flight Information Publication	TRUST — The Recreational UAS Safety Test
FPV — First Person View	UA — Unmanned Aircraft
FSDO — Flight Standards District Office	UAS — Unmanned Aircraft Systems
FSS — Flight Service Station	UNICOM — Universal Communications Frequency
FRIA — FAA-Recognized Identification Areas	VFR — Visual Flight Rules
GPS — Global Positioning System	VLOS — Visual Line of Sight
IFR — Instrument Flight Rules	VMC — Visual Meteorological Conditions
ILS — Instrument Landing System	VO — Visual Observer
IMC — Instrument Meteorological Conditions	VOR — Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range
LAANC — Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability	VORTAC — VHF Omni-directional Range/Tactical Air Navigation
LWS — Low-Level Wind Shear	VR — Virtual Reality
MEF — Maximum Elevation Figure	