

§ 101.37 Notice requirements.

(a) *Prelaunch notice:* Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, no person may operate an unmanned free balloon unless, within 6 to 24 hours before beginning the operation, he gives the following information to the FAA ATC facility that is nearest to the place of intended operation:

- (1) The balloon identification.
- (2) The estimated date and time of launching, amended as necessary to remain within plus or minus 30 minutes.
- (3) The location of the launching site.
- (4) The cruising altitude.
- (5) The forecast trajectory and estimated time to cruising altitude or 60,000 feet standard pressure altitude, whichever is lower.
- (6) The length and diameter of the balloon, length of the suspension device, weight of the payload, and length of the trailing antenna.
- (7) The duration of flight.
- (8) The forecast time and location of impact with the surface of the earth.

(b) For solar or cosmic disturbance investigations involving a critical time element, the information in paragraph (a) of this section shall be given within 30 minutes to 24 hours before beginning the operation.

(c) *Cancellation notice:* If the operation is canceled, the person who intended to conduct the operation shall immediately notify the nearest FAA ATC facility.

(d) *Launch notice:* Each person operating an unmanned free balloon shall notify the nearest FAA or military ATC facility of the launch time immediately after the balloon is launched.

§ 101.39 Balloon position reports.

(a) Each person operating an unmanned free balloon shall:

- (1) Unless ATC requires otherwise, monitor the course of the balloon and record its position at least every two hours; and
 - (2) Forward any balloon position reports requested by ATC.
- (b) One hour before beginning descent, each person operating an unmanned free balloon shall forward to the nearest FAA ATC facility the following information regarding the balloon:
- (1) The current geographical position.

- (2) The altitude.
 - (3) The forecast time of penetration of 60,000 feet standard pressure altitude (if applicable).
 - (4) The forecast trajectory for the balance of the flight.
 - (5) The forecast time and location of impact with the surface of the earth.
- (c) If a balloon position report is not recorded for any two-hour period of flight, the person operating an unmanned free balloon shall immediately notify the nearest FAA ATC facility. The notice shall include the last recorded position and any revision of the forecast trajectory. The nearest FAA ATC facility shall be notified immediately when tracking of the balloon is re-established.
- (d) Each person operating an unmanned free balloon shall notify the nearest FAA ATC facility when the operation is ended.

PART 103—ULTRALIGHT VEHICLES

Subpart A—General

- Sec.
- 103.1 Applicability.
 - 103.3 Inspection requirements.
 - 103.5 Waivers.
 - 103.7 Certification and registration.

Subpart B—Operating Rules

- 103.9 Hazardous operations.
- 103.11 Daylight operations.
- 103.13 Operation near aircraft; right-of-way rules.
- 103.15 Operations over congested areas.
- 103.17 Operations in certain airspace.
- 103.19 Operations in prohibited or restricted areas.
- 103.20 Flight restrictions in the proximity of certain areas designated by notice to airmen.
- 103.21 Visual reference with the surface.
- 103.23 Flight visibility and cloud clearance requirements.

AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103-40104, 40113, 44701.

SOURCE: Docket No. 21631, 47 FR 38776, Sept. 2, 1982, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 103.1 Applicability.

This part prescribes rules governing the operation of ultralight vehicles in the United States. For the purposes of