



Can I fly my drone after a hurricane in Puerto Rico?

Post-storm flight in Puerto Rico — the authority, the sponsor, the filing, the answer, the line. Rules read 6 September 2026. Two sides. Case lid.

B BEFORE THE SEASON — THIS IS THE PART WITH THE LEAD TIME

- ☐ Operating authority live: an active COA, Blanket COAs included, or compliance with part 107, before any SGI request is filed. JO 7210.3EE 21-5-4(a)(1); FAA — Temporary Flight Restrictions (UAS)
- ☐ Government sponsor identified: an entity that will be participating in the response your flights contribute to. JO 7210.3EE 21-5-4(c)
- ☐ Support secured in writing, with a named person and a number that answers in an emergency, before any request is filed. JO 7210.3EE 21-5-4(c)
- ☐ Sponsorship condition satisfied: flown by a governmental (public) entity, or sponsored/supported by one. JO 7210.3EE 21-5-4(a)(3)
- ☐ Urgency paragraph written and saved: why the timeframe is incompatible with the processing time for regular COA or 14 CFR part 89/part 107 processes. JO 7210.3EE 21-5-4(a)(2)
- ☐ Public-good paragraph written: how the operation directly supports an active emergency effort, or a response, relief or recovery activity benefiting a critical public good. The SOSOC determines this one. JO 7210.3EE 21-5-4(a)(4)
- ☐ TSA/FAA Waiver & Airspace Access Program account created and tested in Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome. FAA — Emergency Situations
- ☐ SOSOC number saved offline: for time sensitive operations the FAA says to call the System Operations Support Center at 202-267-8276 for real-time authorization. FAA — Emergency Situations
- ☐ Public materials swept for the four reserved titles and anything similar to them. Código de Seguros Art. 9.051(1)

W WHEN THE STORM PASSES

- ☐ Check NOTAMs before the flight. Every flight. The FAA writes it as a must. FAA — Temporary Flight Restrictions (UAS)
- ☐ Read the text of the specific TFR: it states who may get approval to fly inside it. FAA — Temporary Flight Restrictions (UAS)
- ☐ Coordinate with the controlling agency named in the TFR. The FAA states it as a must. FAA — Temporary Flight Restrictions (UAS)
- ☐ File in the portal and select "Part 107 Special Government Interest" from the drop down. FAA — Emergency Situations



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- ☐ Attach: written government support, urgency statement, public-good statement, area, dates, scope of capture. JO 7210.3EE 21-5-4(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (c)
- ☐ Call the SOSC at 202-267-8276 to confirm receipt; log who answered and when. FAA — Emergency Situations (portal route); JO 7210.3EE 21-5-4(e) (email route)

W WHAT THE ANSWER MEANS

- ☐ Approval is an amendment to the COA or Remote Pilot Certificate you already hold. FAA — Emergency Situations
- ☐ It covers the specified operation under stated conditions. New area or new window: new request. FAA — Emergency Situations
- ☐ On denial, operations stay inside the existing COA or part 107. FAA — Emergency Situations
- ☐ After a denial, operators have the option to amend their requests. FAA — Emergency Situations
- ☐ File the approval or the denial with that day's flight log and keep both. FAA — Emergency Situations

T THE LINE ON CLAIM WORK

- ☐ Deliverable is the dated georeferenced visual record of site condition, handed to whoever hired you. Our reading of Art. 9.050(1)
- ☐ Investigating and negotiating the adjustment is the licensed adjuster's act — including when done as an independent contractor. Código de Seguros Art. 9.050(1)
- ☐ A license is required to act as an adjuster and to hold oneself out as one. Código de Seguros Art. 9.060(1)
- ☐ Price of the violation: misdemeanor, fine of \$500 to \$15,000, plus the sanctions of the Chapter. Código de Seguros Art. 9.060(5)
- ☐ Four titles are reserved in any advertisement: insurance consultant, insurance specialist, insurance advisor, insurance analyst. Código de Seguros Art. 9.051(1)
- ☐ A special emergency adjuster permit exists for losses from a general catastrophe: the Commissioner may grant it, on his form, under his conditions and fees. Código de Seguros Art. 9.310(4)

Planning aid, not legal advice and not an authorization. The regulations and the permits cited here are the authority; this card points at them. Read against the sources on 6 September 2026. Confirm anything that decides a flight against the source itself before you fly.

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