



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Aviation
Administration

Memorandum

ORIG: _____
DATE: _____

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Interpretation of Procedures
for Radio Controlled Airships in Class B Airspace.
Your Memo of 8/28/01

Date: NOV 7/01

From: Program Director for Air Traffic
Planning and Procedures, ATP-1

Reply to
Attn. of:

To: Manager, Air Traffic Division,
ASW-500

We have reviewed your above-referenced request for interpretation regarding requirements for radio controlled airships and aircraft to operate in Class B airspace, and offer the following response.

The aircraft described and pictured in the attachments to your memorandum appear to be model aircraft that do not require compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations. Model aircraft do not require a type certificate, airworthiness certificate, or registration. Federal Aviation regulations do not apply to them. Specifically, 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 21, Certification Procedures for Products and Parts; 14 CFR Part 43, Maintenance, Preventive Maintenance, Rebuilding and Alteration; and 14 CFR Part 91, General Operating and Flight Rules, do not apply to model aircraft. Model aircraft may operate in controlled airspace without air traffic control authorization, transponders, or altitude reporting equipment.

Model aircraft operators should comply with Advisory Circular 91-57, Model Aircraft Operating Standards, and avoid flying within 3 miles of an airport or in proximity of full-scale aircraft. Model aircraft that pose a hazard to full-scale aircraft, persons, or property should be reported to local law enforcement officials.

If you have any questions, please contact Martin Walker, ATP-120.8, at (202) 267-9530.

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