Aerial Photography/Remote Sensing Survey

- 1. Rule 13 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 stipulates that no person shall take, or cause or permit to be taken, from an aircraft in flight, any photograph except in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of a permission in writing granted by the Director-General, a Joint Director General, a Deputy Director-General or the Director of Regulations and Information.
- 2. However, bonafide passengers are permitted to take photography from inside the aircraft while in flight and while landing, take-off or on ground at civil aerodromes.
- 3. For aerial photography other than at point 2 above, the application is made to the Director (Regulations and Information) on the prescribed proforma (Appendix) in seven copies which are sent to various agencies in the Government for their concurrence. On receipt of the NOC from these agencies, permission for aerial photography is granted.
- 4. The permit for aerial photography is generally valid for 3-4 months.

Appendix

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PERMISSION FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY/ REMOTE SENSING SURVEY (To be submitted in seven copies)

То

The Director General of Civil Aviation, DGCA Complex, Opposite Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi – 110003.

Subject:- Application for grant of permission for Aerial Photography / Remote Sensing Survey.

Dear Sir,

It is requested that your kind permission may kindly be granted as per the following particulars:-

- 1. Name and Detail of the company/agency seeking permission for aerial photography/Remote Sensing Survey with its registered office address.
- 2 Detail of the person(s)/company who is to take photographs/aerial survey on behalf of the agency at para 1 above.
 - (a) Name (Expanding Initials)
 - (b) Father's Name
 - (c) Date and Place of Birth
 - (d) Present Address
 - (e) Permanent Address
 - (f) Nationality (if foreigners, Information in Sr. No. (g) & (h) may also be provided)
 - (g) Passport No., Date of Issue & Issuing Authority
 - (h) Visa particulars including type, No., date, validity & issuing office

- 3. (a) Purpose of aerial photography/aerial survey
 - (b) Objects to be photographed with the exact location with latitude / longitude(a copy of map scale 1:250,000 or a tracing of the same scale to be attached).
 - (c) Scale of photography
 - (d) Focal length of camera
 - (e) Height of the flight
 - (f) Format size
 - (g) Type of camera/sensor being used
 - (h) Type of Data
- 4. Proposed date when aerial photography/aerial survey is to be undertaken
- 5. Description of Aircraft, along with the name and address of the pilot and of the owner of the aircraft (If pilots / owners are foreigner, the information in serial No. 2 (g) and (h) be also provided).
- 6. Name of the aerodrome of take off
- 7. In case of the task is to be carried out for State/Central Government, a copy of authority from the concerned Government may be attached.
- 8. If permission is granted I/we undertake to comply with the flowing conditions and any other conditions as prescribed:-
 - (i) The photography/remote sensing survey will be confined to the exact area as applied and cleared by the Ministry of Defence.
 - (ii) No photography/survey will be undertaken in the area so specified by the Ministry of Defence.
 - (iii) The exact date and time of actual photography/remote sensing survey will be intimated to Air Hqrs. (Directorate of Intelligence) at least two weeks in advance to enable them to detail a Security Officer.

- (iv) The aircraft/helicopter used for aerial photography/remote sensing will have seating capacity for Security Officer apart from pilot and photographer.
- (v) The Security Officer of the Ministry of Defence will accompany the flight undertaken for aerial photography, if considered necessary. The security officer when deputed will initial each film/digital media taken for aerial photography. His decision with regard to all photographic matters shall be final and binding.
- (vi) We shall take out an insurance policy for Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees twenty lakhs only) in favour of the security officer and assign it to the President of India to indemnify the Govt. of India from any charges on account of non-effective benefits admissible to the Security officer and/or his family in the event of any mishap to the aircraft.
- (vii) No defence installations will be photographed/over flown unless specifically cleared by the Ministry of Defence.
- (Viii) Air Hqrs. (Directorate of Intelligence) will be intimated on completion of photo/survey task and for detailing another Security Officer to check the cover plots/photo products/digital data as required.
- (ix) In cases where it is not considered necessary to depute security officer by the Ministry of Defence, the exposed film will be processed and plotted but not issued for use till Security vetted by a representative of the Air Hqrs. (Directorate of Intelligence).
- (x) In case so specified by the Ministry of Defence in their clearance letter, the film/digital image after exposure will be processed in presence of Air Force representative designated who will vet them from security angle before releasing them.
- (xi) Government will not be liable for any loss or damages of films/ digital data while in their custody.
- (xii) Travelling allowance/daily allowance in respect of the Security Officer/Joint Inspection Team (specified by MOD on case to case basis) as admissible under the existing rules will be paid by us.
- (Xiii) Where exposed films/digital data have to be conveyed outside India because facilities to develop/process them do not exist in the country, Ministry of Defence will be informed of this fact at the initial stage of application by us and we undertake to abide by the conditions/ arrangements laid down/suggested by the Ministry of Defence.

	Signature of the applicant
Dated :	