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1. Purpose

The purpose of this SOP is to provide guidelines for the safe and efficient operation of the DJI Matrice 200 V2 Drone. This document outlines the procedures for pre-flight, flight, and post-flight operations to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and manufacturer recommendations.

2. Scope

This SOP applies to all personnel operating the DJI Matrice 200 V2 Drone within the organization. It covers procedures from preparation and setup to flight operations and post-flight activities.

3. Responsibilities

- **Drone Operator (Pilot-in-Command)**: Responsible for the safe operation of the drone, including pre-flight checks, flight operations, and post-flight procedures.
- **Visual Observer (if applicable)**: Assists the operator in maintaining visual line of sight and ensuring safe operation.
- Maintenance Personnel: Responsible for regular maintenance and repairs of the drone.

4. Equipment and Materials

- DJI Matrice 200 V2 Drone
- Remote Controller
- Batteries (charged)
- Propellers (spare set recommended)
- SD Cards
- Laptop/Tablet for flight planning
- First Aid Kit
- Tool Kit for minor repairs

5. Pre-Flight Procedures

5.1. Site Assessment

- Conduct a risk assessment of the flight area.
- Ensure the area is clear of obstacles, people, and restricted zones.
- Verify weather conditions are suitable for flight (e.g., no strong winds, rain, or lightning).

5.2. Equipment Inspection

- Inspect the drone for any visible damage or wear.
- Ensure all propellers are securely attached and undamaged.
- Verify battery levels and ensure batteries are properly installed.
- Check the remote controller for functionality and sufficient charge.

5.3. Software and Firmware

- Ensure all firmware (drone and controller) is up to date.
- Open the DJI Pilot app and check for any software updates.
- Calibrate the compass and IMU if prompted by the app.

5.4. Flight Plan

- Plan the flight path and mission objectives.
- Input flight plan into the DJI Pilot app or compatible software.
- Ensure the flight plan complies with local regulations and airspace restrictions.

6. Flight Procedures

6.1. Takeoff

- Power on the remote controller and drone.
- Wait for GPS lock and verify home point is recorded.
- Perform a final check of surroundings and ensure area is clear.
- Arm the motors and initiate takeoff.

6.2. In-Flight Operations

- Maintain visual line of sight with the drone at all times.
- Monitor battery levels and signal strength.
- Adhere to the planned flight path and avoid restricted areas.
- Communicate with the visual observer (if applicable) to ensure safe operations.

6.3. Emergency Procedures

- In case of a low battery warning, return to home (RTH) immediately.
- If the drone loses signal, it will automatically return to the home point.
- For any mechanical failure or unexpected behavior, initiate a controlled landing as safely as possible.

7. Post-Flight Procedures

7.1. Landing

- Select a safe landing area and ensure it is clear.
- Gently reduce altitude and land the drone.
- Disarm the motors and power off the drone.

7.2. Data Management

- Power off the remote controller.
- Remove the SD card and transfer flight data to a laptop or storage device.
- Review flight data and ensure all mission objectives were met.

7.3. Equipment Inspection and Maintenance

- Inspect the drone and equipment for any signs of damage or wear.
- Clean the drone and remove any debris.
- Recharge batteries and prepare for the next flight.
- Log the flight details in the maintenance and flight logbook.

8. Safety and Compliance

- Ensure compliance with local aviation regulations and obtain necessary permits.
- Wear appropriate safety gear, including high-visibility clothing and protective eyewear.
- Regularly review and update the SOP to reflect changes in regulations or equipment.

9. Training and Certification

- Operators must undergo training on the DJI Matrice 200 V2 and demonstrate proficiency.
- Maintain up-to-date certification and complete periodic refresher training.

10. Record Keeping

- Maintain detailed records of all flights, including date, time, location, flight duration, and any incidents.
- Keep maintenance logs for the drone and associated equipment.

11. Review and Audit

- Conduct regular audits of flight operations and maintenance procedures.
- Review this SOP annually and update as necessary to ensure it reflects current best practices and regulatory requirements.

By following this SOP, operators can ensure the safe, efficient, and compliant operation of the DJI Matrice 200 V2 Drone.

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