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Defendant	Brief Description	Hearing date	Court	Sentence
ROBERT KNOWLES	<p>On 25 August 2013, security staff at BAE Systems, Barrow-in-Furness, observed an object floating in the water. The item was retrieved and found to be a delta-wing homebuilt model aircraft with a high definition video camera attached to it. Images retrieved from the camera storage card showed that the aircraft had flown along the Walney Channel. The aircraft had crossed the Jubilee Bridge just above the height of the bridge railings and then entered restricted airspace around the submarine base. It then crashed into the Channel.</p> <p>Robert Knowles was convicted after trial of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying a small unmanned surveillance aircraft within 50 metres of a structure Articles 167(2)(c) of the Air Navigation Order 2009). 2. Flying a small unmanned surveillance aircraft over Barrow-in-Furness nuclear installation (Regulation 3(2) of the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying)(Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2007) 	01/04/2014	Barrow in Furness Magistrates' Court	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fine £400 2. Fine £400
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AEROHELI LIMITED 2. MICHAEL MCGLONE 	<p>A television company opened an account with AeroHeli Limited. Michael McGlone is a director of AeroHeli. AeroHeli did not have an Air Operator's Certificate and had been warned by the CAA that it needed an AOC to conduct commercial flights. In September 2012 the television company booked a flight to carry a cameraman at a cost of £525. AeroHeli operated the flight and Michael McGlone was the commander. Michael McGlone did not have a current medical certificate or type rating to fly the aircraft.</p> <p>AeroHeli Limited pleaded guilty to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating a public transport flight without an AOC (Article 12(1) ANO) <p>Michel McGlone pleaded guilty to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Acting as flight crew without a licence (Article 50(1) ANO) 	06/05/2014	Belfast Magistrates' Court	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fine £250 2. Conditional discharge

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MARK SPENCER	<p>On 9 November 2013, staff at Alton Towers Resort observed a small unmanned aircraft - a quadcopter - flying over the X Sector of the resort. The X Sector was very busy at the time. The quadcopter repeatedly flew around the site and over the moving rides in the X Sector. Staff were concerned for the safety of the public and rides were stopped. The operator of the quadcopter later posted video clips on YouTube which showed that he had launched the quadcopter some way from the resort, beyond visual line of sight. The video showed flights around the resort and over the moving rides.</p> <p>Mark Spencer pleaded guilty to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not maintaining direct, unaided visual contact with a small unmanned aircraft (Articles 166(3) and 241(6), Air Navigation Order 2009) 2. Flying a small unmanned surveillance aircraft over or within 150 metres of any congested area (Articles 167(1), 167(2)(a) of the Air Navigation Order 2009) 	28/05/2014	Stafford Magistrates' Court	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fine £150 2. Fine £150
CHOICE SELECT LIMITED	<p>On 26 August 2013 an x-ray operator working for at East Midlands Airport found a consignment containing 1435 undeclared lithium-ion batteries. The shipper was Choice Select Limited. The company was returning the batteries to the manufacturer. A CAA Dangerous Goods Inspector examined the consignment and found that the package did not with the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air in that it was not packed correctly, did not have the correct markings 3, exceeded the maximum permitted weight, did not have the correct documentation attached and was not correctly labelled.</p> <p>Choice Select Limited pleaded guilty to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Causing dangerous goods to be delivered for carriage on an aircraft (Regulation 5(1)(a) of the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2002). 	12/06/2014	Leicester Magistrates' Court	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fine £333

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ROBERT MURGATROYD T/A FLYBPL.COM	<p>G-BBEF crashed in Switzerland on 14 October 2011. The aircraft's last Airworthiness Review Certificate had expired on 30 August 2011. G-BBEF had made 28 flights, including instructional flights, in the 44 days after the ARC expired, totalling 21.27 hours of flying time. Robert Murgatroyd trading as FlyBpl.com was the registered owner of G-BBEF.</p> <p>Robert Murgatroyd trading as Flybpl.com pleaded guilty to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating G-BBEF on 28 flights without an ARC (Part M.A.902(b) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2042/2003 and Article 241(7) of the Air Navigation Order 2009). 	18/06/2014	Blackpool Magistrates' Court	1. Fine £333
JASON YUEN	<p>On 24 February 2014, an Air Traffic Control Officer at NATS, Swanwick, observed on radar an unknown aircraft enter the Luton CTZ without permission. The unknown aircraft was not displaying any means of communication with ATC and was heading directly towards the Luton runway. The ATCO took urgent preventative measures to avoid potential loss of separation. Departures from Luton airport were temporarily stopped.</p> <p>Jason Yuen pleaded guilty to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying within Class D Airspace without permission (Rule 29 of the Rules of the Air Regulations 2007). 	23/09/2014	Luton Magistrates' Court	1. Fine £1,000
FABRICE PAGET	<p>On 17 May 2014, an Air Traffic Control Officer at NATS, Swanwick, observed on radar an unknown aircraft enter the Luton CTR without permission. The unknown aircraft was headed towards the centre of Luton airport. All departures from the airport were stopped and inbound aircraft were delayed. ATC tried to make radio contact with the aircraft without success.</p> <p>Fabric Paget pleaded guilty to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying within Class D Airspace (Luton CTR) without permission (Rule 29 of the Rules of the Air Regulations 2007). 	23/09/2014	Luton Magistrates' Court	1. Fine £1,400

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SOLOMON N'JIE	<p>On 19 May 2014, an Air Traffic Control Officer at NATS, Swanwick, observed on radar an unknown aircraft enter the Luton CTR without permission. The ATCO made blind radio calls but received no response. The unknown aircraft flew towards the airport, orbited, exited the zone, re-entered and headed towards the airport. The presence of the aircraft caused ATC to break-off an inbound aircraft, hold three other inbound aircraft and extend the route of another inbound aircraft.</p> <p>Solomon N'Jie pleaded guilty to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying within Class D Airspace without permission (Rule 29 of the Rules of the Air Regulations 2007). 	23/09/2014	Luton Magistrates' Court	1. Fine £1,400
KEVIN CRELLIN	<p>On 2 June 2013, police officers at Gloucestershire Airport observed a light aircraft land. Kevin Crellin told the police that he was the pilot and said that he had a licence but did not have it with him. Kevin Crellin had surrendered his licence to the CAA in January 1995.</p> <p>Kevin Crellin was convicted after trial of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acting as a member of flight crew without holding a licence (Article 50(1) of the Air Navigation Order 2009). 	04/12/2014	Oxford Magistrates' Court	1. Fine £400