

Sompo Singapore Receives Permit to Use Drone for Inaccessible or Dangerous Site Inspections

Singapore's first licensed insurer to conduct drone inspections safely and efficiently at client's properties

Singapore, 11 Oct 2021 – Sompo Insurance Singapore (“Sompo Singapore”) obtains Unmanned Aircraft (“UA”) Operator Permit and UA Pilot Licenses from Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (“CAAS”) to better manage potential risks at corporate clients’ properties that cannot be detected with physical visual inspection. Sompo Singapore now has two licensed engineers to conduct inspection of inaccessible or dangerous areas safely and identify potential risks accurately and efficiently with drone.

Inspection of building and infrastructures is typically conducted through physical visual inspection and thermography within safety parameter. After which, the potential risks are being assessed and identified with the information gathered and documents provided by clients.

Sompo Singapore sees untapped potential in using a drone to conduct a more efficient and thorough inspection work that cannot be physically carried out by its engineers. Hence the company explored the idea of using a drone given that aerial photography and videography is the most common usage of drone. This function is particularly useful in providing a bird’s eye view and capturing relevant images which are impossible to be carried out safely by engineers.

The inspection drone has a powerful 32x zoom capability camera sensor which allows a detailed close-up examination that can accurately pin-point potential issues. In addition, the thermal imaging camera has the capability to detect hotspots of equipment or infrastructure operating above its optimal temperature. Some possible risks that can be more easily identified and rectified include an abnormal high temperature starting a potential fire and deterioration of an area causing a possible rain leak.

“Sompo Singapore is committed to provide a holistic risk management solution for our clients beyond the core insurance business,” said Mr Pui Phusangmook, Chief Executive Officer of Sompo Insurance Singapore.

“The early and more accurate risk detection helps our clients rectify the potential risks at their warehouses, factories, facilities, and roof top solar panels, and prevent hazardous situations from happening. This extended service not only minimizes business disruptions; it also creates a safer operating environment.”

Sompo Singapore has plans to provide this service through other Sompo Insurance companies in the region and is currently checking the legal regulations for drone usage in each respective country.

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Sompo Singapore is a member of SOMPO Holdings, a trusted and established insurance and risk solutions provider in Japan for over a century. Today, SOMPO Holdings serves its customers in 28 countries and regions worldwide.

Since 1989, Sompo Singapore has been providing companies and individuals with premium yet affordable insurance in Singapore. At the heart of what we do is our commitment to deliver our best service to our customers. More than just providing comprehensive coverage, we aim to be our customers' trusted partner when it comes to protecting what they value and treasure most. Because, above all, their well-being is what we collectively work for.

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