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FAQs:

Higher Airspace Operations (HAO)

Question:

Which rules currently apply in higher airspace?

Answer:

Flights conducted in higher airspace are generally subject to air law, and the EU and its Member States are competent to regulate civil aviation activities within their respective competences. A legal study is conducted to clarify how existing aviation rules apply to higher airspace operations and to identify any regulatory gaps that may need to be addressed.

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