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Higher Airspace Operations (HAO)

Question:

Will HAO vehicles require certification?

Answer:

HAO vehicles will - in principle - be subject to certification requirements where they qualify as aircraft under existing EU aviation legislation. In such cases, the applicable certification specifications and processes will be applied in a proportionate manner, taking into account the specific characteristics and operational risks of the operation. For novel designs or operating concepts that are not adequately addressed by existing rules, alternative means of compliance or special conditions may be developed. Where appropriate, new or adapted certification frameworks may be considered as part of the ongoing regulatory development to ensure an appropriate level of safety without unduly constraining innovation.

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