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FAQs:

[Higher Airspace Operations \(HAO\)](#)

Question:

What is a regulatory sandbox in the context of HAO?

Answer:

A regulatory sandbox is a controlled and time-limited, experimental framework allowing innovative HAO technologies or operational concepts to be tested under defined conditions and appropriate regulatory oversight. Its purpose is to enable learning, risk identification, and evidence gathering in support of future regulatory development, while maintaining an appropriate level of safety and compliance.

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