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Applicability, Third Country Operators (TCO), Regulations

Question:

Do non-scheduled charter operators need a TCO authorisation?

Answer:

Yes. The TCO authorisation TCO Regulation (EU) No 452/2014 does not differentiate between scheduled and non-scheduled commercial air transport operations. All operators that engage in commercial air transport need to apply for a TCO authorisation.

For air ambulance flights and other urgent flights performed in the public interest where the urgency of the mission justifies bypassing the regular TCO assessment process (e.g. humanitarian missions or disaster relief operations), please consult the section for “One-off” notification flights pursuant to article TCO.305.

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