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### FAQs:

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### Question:

**Are there any exemptions available for operators through the regulatory framework of the DLS IR?**

### Answer:

The DLS IR provides operators with a number of conditions under which permanent exemptions (where applicable) from the requirement to equip with data link capability are possible.

These conditions can be summarised as follows:

1. operator/aircraft falls under one of the criteria listed in Article 3(3) of the DLS IR, or
2. the aircraft type/model is listed [EC Implementing Decision 2019/2012](#)

Even if the DLS IR equipage requirements are not applicable for some operators, they may still choose to comply with the DLS IR. In this case, compliance with all applicable parts of the DLS IR is expected.

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