



Subject: Notification by the Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport on the application and interpretation of the term ‘authorities and organizations’ and the planned amendment of section 21k of the German Rules of the Air Regulations

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According to the understanding of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), section 21k of the German Rules of the Air Regulations may only apply to authorities and organizations with security and safety tasks in the narrower sense.

This concerns governmental and non-governmental players performing specific functions for the maintenance or restoration of public safety and order. Authorities and organizations with security and safety tasks include, for example, the federal police and the federal state police, the Federal Agency for Technical Relief, the Federal Customs Administration, fire brigades, emergency services, federal and federal state disaster risk and civil defence authorities, including associated aid organizations, as well as authorities and organizations mandated by law to perform security and safety functions. Any other authorities do not fall under this section.

Accordingly, the limit of 25 kilograms stipulated in section 21k(1) of the German Rules of the Air Regulations does no longer apply.

The Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport has communicated EASA’s interpretation to the aviation authorities of the federal states, which will apply with immediate effect. A clarification of this matter in the national rules in the short term is planned.

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