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# Rules for RPAS in Switzerland

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# RPAS in Switzerland

- Rules are quite simple!

Swiss legal basis: **Swiss ordinance on aviation**

- Article 2a: „special rules for unmanned aircraft “

Special rules are in: **ordinance on special category aircraft**  
which covers also paragliders, parachute, rockets.....

- No difference between aircraft models and drones!



# RPAS in Switzerland

## Rules until 2009:

- Model aircraft **up to 30kg** without permission
- Only restricted to CTR and 5km to Airport (civil/military)
- Insurance needed for models +0,5kg (1Million CHF)
  
- **Above 30kg:** permission is needed
- Case by case
- in the past more or less only used for large model aircraft



# RPAS in Switzerland

- **New rule since 2009**
- For model aircraft **up to 30kg:**
- **Must** be operated **VLOS**
- Exemptions for BLOS possible (case by case upon request and authorisation by FOCA)



# RPAS in Switzerland

- **New rule intended for 2014 (1st of July 2014)**
- For model aircraft **up to 30kg**:
- permission needed if operated above crowded areas like
  - City centre / sporting events
  - Exemptions possible by authorisation by FOCA (case by case upon request)
  - Exemption is not a certification!