

# The UK Spaceflight Regulator

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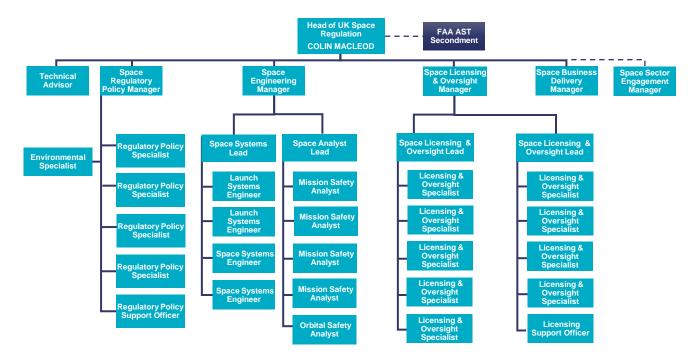


- 29 Jul 21 the CAA became the UK spaceflight regulator
- Our independent status separates safety regulation of spaceflight activities from sector promotion
- In line with the lessons learned from the Piper Alpha disaster
- Single point of contact for all matters related to spaceflight safety regulation
- Strong track record in overseeing the aviation sector in the UK, one of the safest in the world
- Prior experience in regulating rocket activities under the Air Navigation Order 2016.

Our team

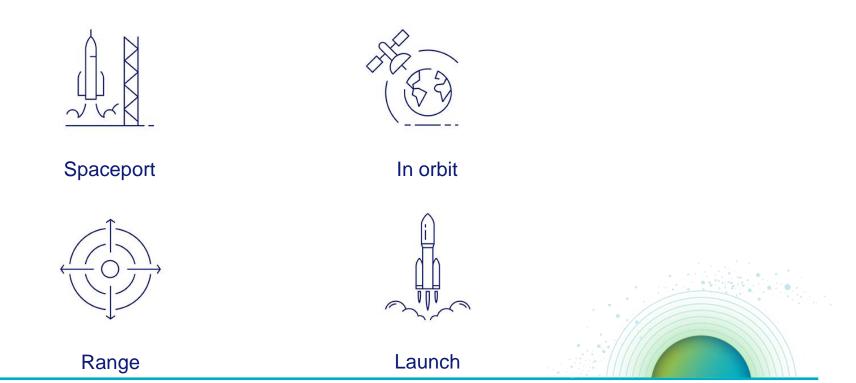






### Activity scope





#### **UK space legislation**





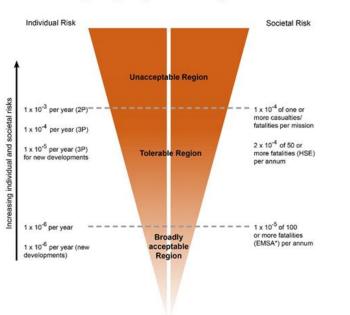
- The Outer Space Act 1986 (OSA) applies to UK nationals and UK companies intending to launch or procure the launch of a space object or operate a space object outside the UK
- The Space Industry Act 2018 (SIA) applies to anyone intending to carry out space activities, sub-orbital activities, and associated activities in the UK
- The Air Navigation Order applies to the launch of a vehicle in the UK that is not capable of operating above the stratosphere (circa 50km altitude)
- The CAA became the UK's independent space regulator on 29 July 2021

#### Central role of the safety case in the licensing process Major accident hazards identified **Risks evaluated** ALARP argument with **Technical risk** Organisation risk controls controls identified/ identified/ implemented implemented **Operational risk** controls identified/ implemented

#### **Demonstrating ALARP**

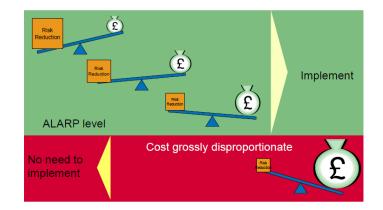




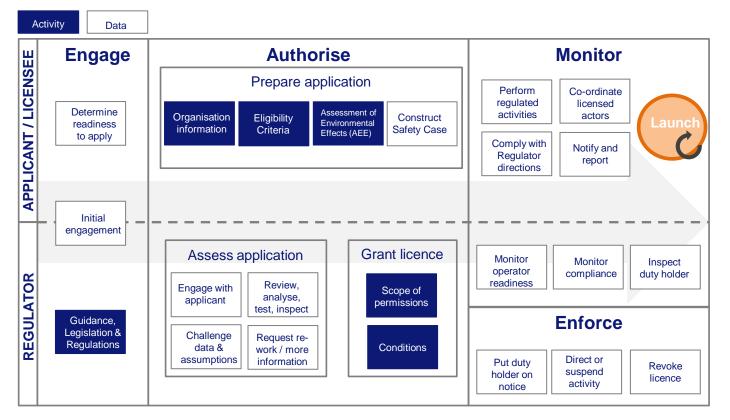


Spaceflight Regulator Tolerability of Risk

- What more can we do to reduce the risk?
- Why are we not doing it?
- Grossly disproportionate?



#### **Regulatory model for launch**



## Activity scale

#### Orbital





- We've issued licences for 108 UK operated satellites launched overseas, with a further 13 applications in the pipeline
  - 23 active licence holders, with 436 active licences
- Spaceport, launch, range and ANO
- We are assessing applications for spaceport, launch and range licences
- We are also in pre-application engagement with 14 operators
- In the next 6 months we expect to receive 7 applications for spaceport, launch, range and ANO

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