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7 August 2024	Outer Space and High-altitude Activities (Licences and Permits) Regulations 2017: Proposed Amendments EXP-24-MIN-0040 Minute	Cabinet Office

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Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee

Minute of Decision

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On 6 August 2024, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:

- 1 **noted** that applicants for launch licences and payload permits are required to submit an orbital debris mitigation plan that meets the requirements of the Outer Space and High-altitude Activities (Licences and Permits) Regulations 2017 (the Regulations);
- 2 **agreed** that orbital debris mitigation plans must comply with the latest version of one of the following international orbital debris mitigation standards, to be specified in the Regulations:
 - 2.1 NASA-STD-8719.14 – NASA Technical Standard;
 - 2.2 ESSB-ST-U-007 ESA Space Debris Mitigation Requirements and referenced guidelines and requirements within ESSB-HB-U-002 ESA Space Debris Mitigation Compliance Verification Guidelines (which incorporates ISO standard 24113) and ESSB-ST-U-004 ESA Re-entry Safety Requirements;
- 3 **agreed** to the establishment of a waiver provision in the Regulations allowing for consideration of a waiver in cases where one or more orbital debris risk thresholds are not met;
- 4 **invited** the Minister for Space to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above paragraphs.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour (Chair)
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Mark Patterson
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Chris Penk

Officials present from:

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Technology