

(Announcement)

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Ministry of Defense of Japan

Designation of defense-related facilities based on the Drone Act

Based on the Article 6-1, 6-2 and 6-4 of the Drone Act (Act No. 9 of 2016), the Minister of Defense has issued a public notice designating the defense-related facilities, sites or areas of the defense-related facilities, and the areas surrounding the defense-related facilities. After 10-day notification period (after April 21, 2025), drone flights in the airspace over the areas surrounding the defense-related facilities will, in space, be prohibited. In order to fly drones, prescribed procedures including obtaining consent from facility administrators are required.

Please refer to the Ministry of Defense website for more information.

(Reference) Facilities newly designated as defense-related facilities

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- Hokkaido Maneuver Area (Ariake District, Nisioka District, Kita-Chitose District, Higasi-Chitose District, MinamiEniwa District, Shimamatsu District)
- Kamifurano Maneuver Area
- Yausubetu Maneuver Area
- Ojyoujihara Maneuver Area
- Kita-Fuji Maneuver Area
- HigashiFuji Maneuver Area
- Aibano Maneuver Area