

Checklist – questions to ask before using the drone

- ☐ What is the maximum take-off weight – including payload – of my drone?
- ☐ Is it equipped with a camera, microphone or other recording device?
- ☐ In what environment do I want to fly my drone? Am I flying in a geographical area?
- ☐ At what altitude do I want to fly my drone? Will the drone stay in my field of vision during the flight?
- ☐ Is there a risk that I could (unintentionally) invade other people's privacy?
- ☐ Will I endanger or obstruct other persons with my drone flight?
- ☐ Will I endanger the work of authorities and organizations responsible for public security and safety?

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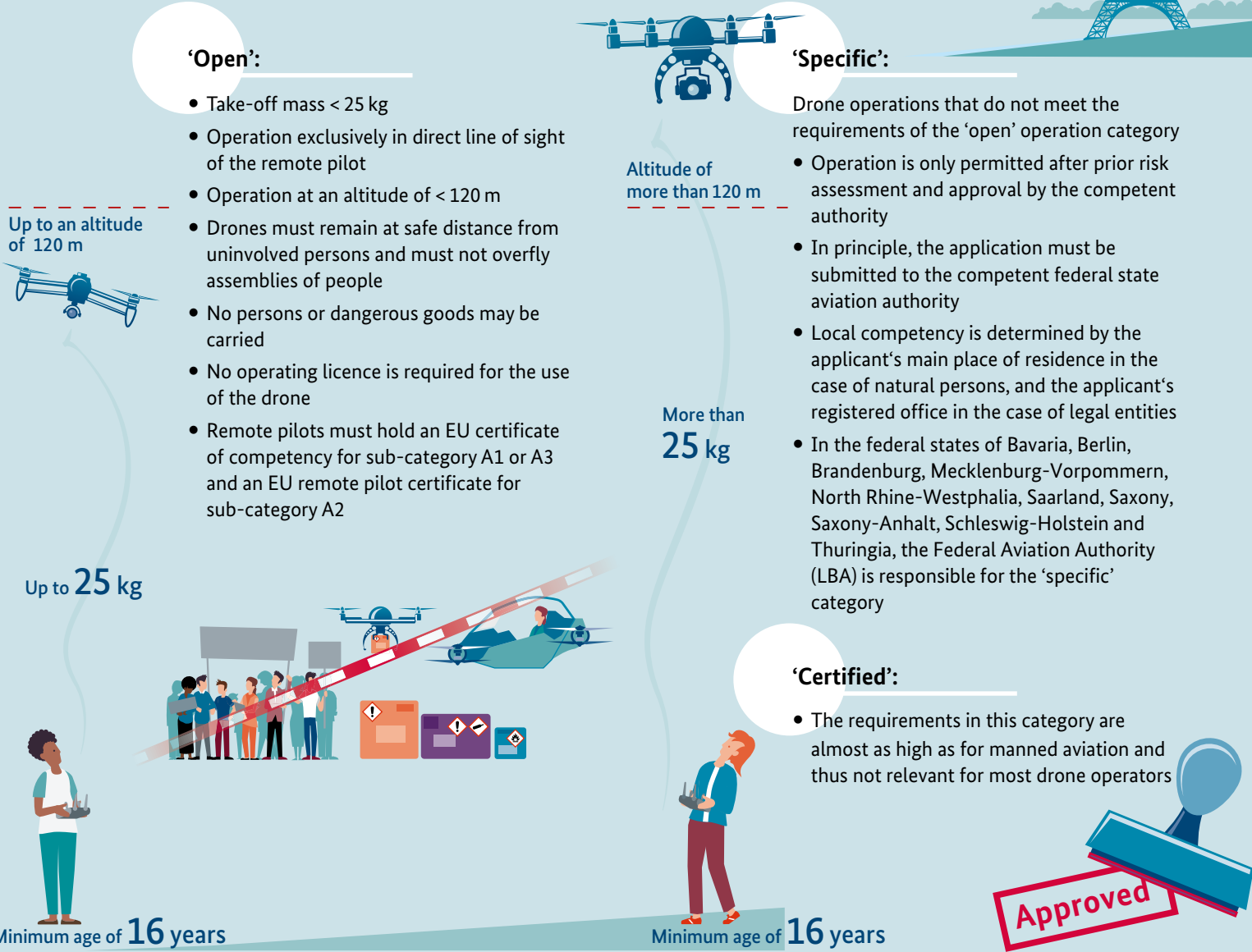
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General rules in the EU:

EU-wide rules mean that a drone operator with a certificate of competency obtained in Germany can operate their drone in all European Union Member States.

3 categories for the operation of drones



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Unmanned aviation: smooth and safe operation of drones

An overview of the most important rules





General rules in Germany:

The following rules allow for free and safe operation of drones in Germany.

Registration requirement:

- All operators of drones are required to register as soon as they intend to use a drone
 - of the 'open' category weighing 250 g and more
 - of the 'open' category weighing less than 250 g, equipped with a camera/microphone and not certified according to EU standards as a toy
 - of the 'specific' category
- The operator receives an electronic registration number (e-ID), which they must place on all their drones

Smooth and safe operation of drones in Germany:

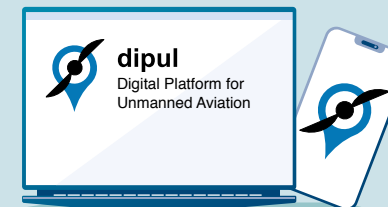
- In principle, drones are free to use the airspace
- However, in areas specified as 'geographical areas' the use of a drone is generally only possible if certain conditions are met
- 'Geographical areas' include, but are not limited to, residential properties, critical infrastructure facilities, beaches, nature reserves, sites of police and emergency service operations, airports or aerodromes
- To fly into a geographical area, appropriate approval needs to be sought from the competent federal state aviation authority at the place of flight

Digital Platform for Unmanned Aviation (dipul):

- All information, rules and procedures concerning the operation of drones in Germany can be found on the website www.dipul.de
- To find out quickly and easily where geographical areas are located and which specific requirements apply, operators can use the Map Tool made available on the website



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Mandatory insurance:

- All drones are subject to mandatory insurance to cover liability for possible damage



Rules for the operation of model aircraft within the framework of model aircraft clubs and associations:

- Use must be in accordance with the approved internal procedures of the respective air sports association
- The operation of model aircraft with a take-off mass of more than 12 kg, of model aircraft with certain types of propulsion as well as the operation at night require approval
- The application to the competent federal state aviation authority can be made by the club/association itself (for its members)
- Remote pilots must have completed training conducted by the competent air sports association before commencing operation of model aircraft with a take-off mass of more than 2 kg for the first time

Model flying site

