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## 1. Purpose

This instruction sets out the conditions and requirements that must be met for drone operations over and around Sund & Bælt's infrastructure, including the requirement to obtain permits for both internal drone operations (i.e., flights conducted by Sund & Bælt and its contractors, subcontractors and other service providers) and external drone operations (i.e., flights conducted by entities with no affiliation to Sund & Bælt).

Always contact Technical Monitoring (TO) on 58 30 30 51 if you observe a drone over the Great Belt Fixed Link that should not be there.

## 2. Scope

This instruction covers drone operations over and around Sund & Bælt's infrastructure: Storbæltetsforbindelsen (the Great Belt Fixed Link), Øresund Landanlæg (Øresund Landworks), and the ferry ports at Odden, Ebeltoft, Spodsbjerg and Tårs.

The areas of the landworks are shown in the drawings in Section 8:

- Korsør/Halsskov
- Sprogø
- Nyborg/Knudshoved
- Øresund Landanlæg (Øresund Landworks)
- Odden Færgehavn (Odden Ferry Port)
- Ebeltoft Færgehavn (Ebeltoft Ferry Port)
- Spodsbjerg Færgehavn (Spodsbjerg Ferry Port)
- Tårs Færgehavn (Tårs Ferry Port)

## 3. References

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 on the rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft.
- Danish Executive Order (BEK) No. 1649 – Supplementary provisions to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947.
- Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority (Trafikstyrelsen): <https://www.droneregler.dk>

## 4. General

- All flights must be conducted in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 and the applicable supplementary provisions.
- Drones must be covered by valid third-party liability insurance of 0.75 million SDR, corresponding to approximately DKK 7 million, pursuant to Danish Executive Order (BEK) No. 1649, Section 4(1).
- If the Kp index (geomagnetic storm activity that may disrupt GPS signals) is above 4, drone operations should not be conducted. The Kp index can be obtained from various websites, e.g. <https://www.spaceweatherlive.com>.

## 5. Permits for Drone Operations at Sund & Bælt's Infrastructure

Drone operations at Sund & Bælt's infrastructure must, with respect to permitting requirements, comply with the applicable drone zones as set out in Dronezoner and the current rules governing drone operations. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that the flight is planned and conducted in full

compliance with the zone provisions and any permitting requirements in force at the time of the operation, as well as all other rules on drone operations. Please note that the drone zones are updated on an ongoing basis.

Under applicable legislation, Sund & Bælt must issue permits or provide consultation responses in connection with specific drone operations at or around our infrastructure (road infrastructure and rail infrastructure, as well as special rules for the Great Belt Fixed Link). It is important to emphasise that, in this process, Sund & Bælt acts solely in its capacity as the infrastructure owner and considers the application only in that capacity.

It is therefore the drone operator's responsibility to ensure that all other necessary permits—including any permits from the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority (Trafikstyrelsen) or other competent authorities—are obtained independently of this instruction. Note that all flights involving an elevated aviation safety risk, i.e. operations in the Specific category where the criteria of the Open category cannot be met under Regulation (EU) 2019/947, or operations in other restricted areas, require an application to the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority. Please allow up to 30 days for processing. Please note that, for the Great Belt Fixed Link, different permitting requirements apply depending on whether the operation is conducted by internal actors within Sund & Bælt (i.e., Sund & Bælt's own employees or contractors performing works for Sund & Bælt) or by external actors (i.e., entities wishing to conduct drone operations independently of Sund & Bælt's activities, e.g. for commercial filming).

These requirements are described in more detail below.

Drone operations must, in all cases, be conducted in accordance with the conditions set out in Section 5.3 below.

### 5.1. Permit Requirements for Drone Operations Owed by Sund & Bælt

The Danish Drone Executive Order contains specific rules on distance to and overflight of public infrastructure.

For road infrastructure, the Executive Order stipulates that drone operations may not take place over public roads where the speed limit exceeds 70 km/h unless prior approval has been obtained from the responsible infrastructure manager. The remote pilot conducting the operation must hold a competency certificate. If the sole purpose of the operation at the road facility is to cross the public road, the flight may take place when there is no traffic on the road and along the shortest route across the road without unnecessary delay. The prohibition does not apply to operations in the Specific category where the operational authorisation under which the flight is conducted permits overflight of roads.

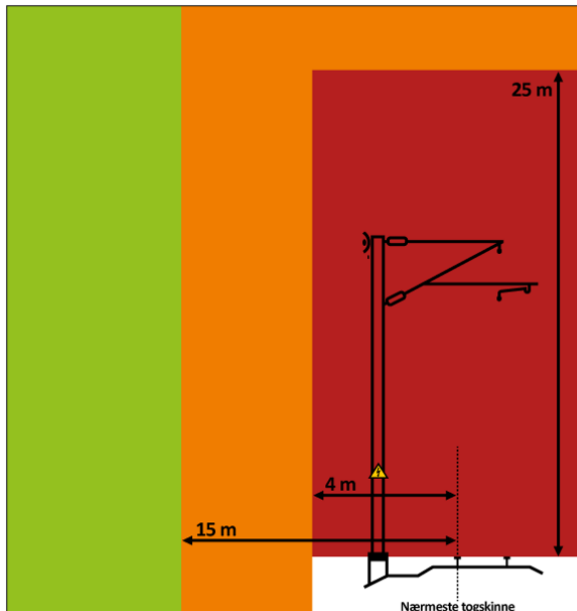
For rail infrastructure, the Executive Order stipulates that drone operations may not take place closer than 15 metres horizontal distance from railways and urban rail lines unless prior approval has been obtained from the responsible infrastructure manager. The remote pilot conducting the operation must hold a competency certificate. The prohibition does not apply to operations in the Specific category where the operational authorisation permits overflight of railways.

To obtain approval from Sund & Bælt for drone operations at road infrastructure, send an email to [teknisk-overvaagning@sbf.dk](mailto:teknisk-overvaagning@sbf.dk) with cc to [fbt@sbf.dk](mailto:fbt@sbf.dk) and [joel@sbf.dk](mailto:joel@sbf.dk). Please allow 5 working days for processing. In addition, all flights over the carriageway must be planned and approved by Asset Management, K&A.

For approvals for drone operations at rail infrastructure, Sund & Bælt's Safety Coordinator is authorised to approve drone flights over and in close proximity to rail infrastructure owned by Sund & Bælt, except for TIB 11 from km 0.0 to km 3.2, as this area also includes Banedanmark's infrastructure (located within Banedanmark's infrastructure at Copenhagen Central Station).

When Banedanmark receives enquiries regarding flights over Sund & Bælt's infrastructure, the request is forwarded to Sund & Bælt's Safety Coordinator.

## General Distance Requirements for Railways



Flights in orange and red zones require a permit. Sund & Bælt's Safety Coordinator may, on behalf of Banedanmark, issue flight permits for the parts of the railway infrastructure owned by Sund & Bælt. Applications must be sent to Sund & Bælt's Safety Coordinator ([TA-bane@sbf.dk](mailto:TA-bane@sbf.dk)) at least 5 working days before the flight, and not to the email address stated on Banedanmark's form: <https://www.bane.dk/da/Leverandoer/Adgang/Droner>

The application must include (for both road and rail infrastructure):

- The geographical area where drone operations are requested
- Horizontal and vertical distances to the road and the railway
- Purpose of the flight
- Proposed date and time of the flight
- Proof of drone pilot certificate A1/A3 or A2 competency certificate
- Any permits from the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority (e.g. flights in bird protection and habitat areas)
- Proof of valid third-party liability insurance

### 5.2. Drone operations at The Storebælt Link

A "blue" security-critical drone zone with a radius of 500 metres has been established around The Storebælt Link, within which drone operations by external actors are, as a general rule, prohibited. See the zone at [www.dronezoner.dk](http://www.dronezoner.dk).

#### 5.2.1. Internal drone operations at The Storebælt Link

Employees of Sund & Bælt, as well as contractors performing work for Sund & Bælt, may conduct drone operations within the "blue" security-critical zone without a separate permit from the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority.

### 5.2.2. External drone operations at The Storebælt Link

External operators who wish to conduct drone operations in or around Sund & Bælt's facilities, and where the flight is not related to Sund & Bælt's business, must always apply for a permit from the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority before the operation can be carried out within the blue security-critical zone around The Storebælt Link.

As part of the application process, Sund & Bælt must be consulted. The applicant may choose to obtain Sund & Bælt's comments before submitting the application to the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority; if not, the Authority will forward a consultation request to Sund & Bælt as part of its case handling.

As a general rule, Sund & Bælt cannot grant permission for drone operations in the security-critical zone. In such cases, the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority will make its decision in accordance with Sund & Bælt's consultation response.

Only where special circumstances exist may Sund & Bælt consider whether there is a basis for granting permission—and, correspondingly, the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority may choose to disregard a refusal from Sund & Bælt.

Special circumstances must be clearly justified on grounds such as necessity, public authority tasks, or other comparable overriding considerations. All other requests must be refused.

In cases where special considerations are deemed to apply, the Executive Secretariat must always be consulted before a consultation response is issued. If the drone operation is also to be conducted in the habitat drone zone, it is the applicant's own responsibility to obtain a permit from the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority. This falls outside Sund & Bælt's remit.

When issuing a refusal, the following response may be used as a starting point:

*Sund & Bælt has received a consultation request regarding drone operations in the security-critical drone zone around The Storebælt Link for the period [insert date]. Sund & Bælt has assessed the content and purpose of the application and finds that permission for the drone operation should not be granted.*

*Sund & Bælt's decision is based on an overall assessment of the protective and security considerations applicable to the designated security-critical zone around The Storebælt Link. The purpose of the zone is to protect infrastructure of significant national importance, and Sund & Bælt therefore applies a restrictive access policy whereby drone operations in the zone must be limited to what is strictly necessary. It should be noted that the decision is not based on circumstances specific to the applicant, but on the need to maintain the general level of protection in the zone, which can only be ensured through security clarifications, verifications, and operational coordination that can be carried out solely in cases of documented public-authority tasks or other operational necessity. These prerequisites are not met in the present case. Sund & Bælt's decision also aims to ensure a consistent, proportionate, and robust administrative practice within the security-critical zone.*

### 5.3. Requirements during flight

- EU Regulation 2019/947 and applicable supplementary provisions must be complied with.
- If flying below 100 meters over municipal or private properties, permissions must be obtained from the relevant authority/property owner.
- Do not fly higher than 120 meters.

- Always contact Technical Monitoring (TO) at 58303052 before the flight and ask whether Sund & Bælt's helipads are in use. If they are, no flight may take place closer than 2 km horizontal distance from the helicopter landing site (HEMS). If the remote pilot holds an A2 competency certificate, drone operations may take place up to 1 km horizontal distance from the helipad and at a maximum altitude of 40 meters. TO can advise where the landing sites are located.
- TO must always be informed of when the flight takes place, the duration, and when the flight is completed.
- Flights in restricted areas (see <https://www.droneregler.dk/>) are not permitted unless the remote pilot has obtained permission from the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority.

During drone flights conducted in connection with operations and maintenance (O&M), for example inspections of bridge structures, flights at altitudes above 120 meters must be performed no more than 25 meters from the structure. For drone flights above carriageway level, a case-by-case assessment must always be made as to whether the flight requires traffic restrictions, such as closing the hard shoulder and traffic lanes and reducing the speed limit to a maximum of 80 km/h.

## 6. Drawings showing Sund & Bælt's facilities

### Korsør/Halsskov

- Parcels owned by A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen, see page 6
- Indicative cadastral map, see page 7

### Sprogø

- Parcels owned by A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen, see page 8
- Indicative cadastral map, see page 9

### Nyborg/Knudshoved

- Parcels owned by A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen, see page 10
- Indicative cadastral map, see page 11

### Øresund Landanlæg

- Overview of the Øresund Motorway and the Øresund Railway, see page 12

### Odden Færgehavn

- Parcels owned by A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen, see page 13
- Indicative cadastral map, see page 14

### Ebeltoft Færgehavn

- Parcels owned by A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen, see page 15
- Indicative cadastral map, see page 16

### Spodsbjerg færgehavn

- Parcels owned by A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen, see page 17
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### Tårs færgehavn

- Parcels owned by A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen, see page 19
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## **7. Drone operator registration**

Drones must be marked with a registration number issued by the Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority. For the drone operator A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen (CVR no. 10634970), the number is DNK0000043209095.