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ADVANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRENCH SPACE LAW ON SPACE OPERATIONS
IN THE LAUNCHER FIELD.

Abstract

This publication provides a presentation of the main objectives of the new French Law on spatial operations, and gives an overview of the institutional and legal framework implemented in accordance with the law. The law, adopted in June 2008, institutes a clarified legal regime for launch operations, associated with a new authorization regime. The aim of the authorization regime is to check that activities are performed with a good control of risks towards humans beings, human health, properties and environment (on ground, and exo-atmospheric), in agreement with international treaties adopted by France in these topics. In the field of launchers, the presentation will show how the logic of control of risk gained and matured on thirty years of Ariane's activities has led to propose a Technical Regulation, applicable for launcher activities. A brief presentation of the advancement of the Technical Regulation will be made. This law will lead to reinforce the reliability of European launchers.