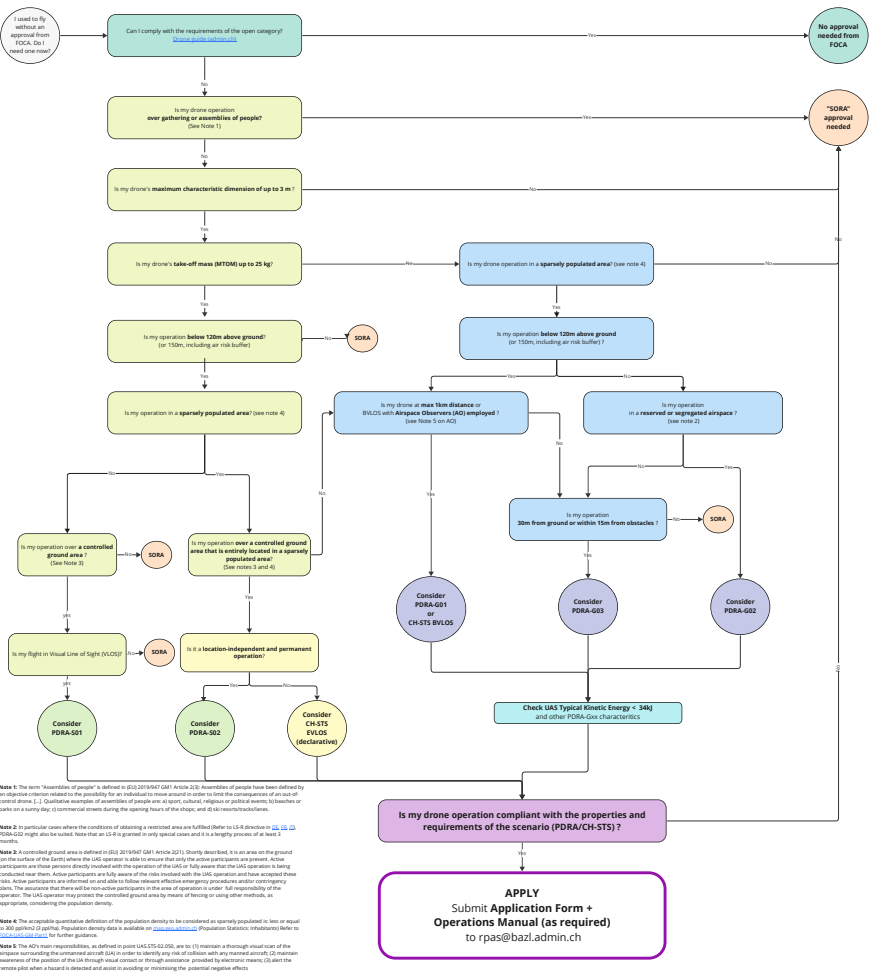


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**Note 1:** The term "assemblies of people" is defined in EU-2019/947 GM1 Article 2(9). Assemblies of people have been defined by an objective criterion related to the possibility for an individual to move around in order to attend the arrangements of an air- or land-based drone [...]. Qualitative examples of assemblies of people are at sport, cultural, religious or political events, at beaches or parks on a sunny day, at commercial events during the opening hours of the shops, and at resorts/tourist areas.

**Note 2:** In particular cases where the conditions of obtaining a restricted area are fulfilled (refer to U-S-8 directive in [U-S-8](#), [U-S-8](#) or [U-S-8](#)), flight may also be issued. Note that an U-S is granted in open special cases and it is a lengthy process of at least 3 months.

**Note 3:** A controlled ground area is defined in EU-2019/947 GM1 Article 2(21). Shortly described, it is an area on the ground (part of the surface of the earth) where the UAS operator is able to ensure that only the active participants are present. Active participants are those persons directly involved with the operation of the UAS or fully aware that the UAS operation is being conducted near them. Active participants are fully aware of the risks involved with the UAS operation and have accepted these risks. Active participants are informed on and able to follow relevant effective emergency procedures and/or contingency plans. The assurance that there will not be non-active participants in the area of operation is under the responsibility of the operator. The UAS operator may prevent the controlled ground area by means of fencing or using other methods, as appropriate, considering the population density.

**Note 4:** The acceptable quantitative definition of the population density to be considered as sparsely populated is: less or equal to 500 persons/2 sq km. Population density data is available on [www.cantons.ch](#). Population Statistics, Institutions refer to [www.cantons.ch](#) for further guidance.

**Note 5:** The ACN's main responsibilities, as defined in point UAS/STS-62.005, are to: (1) maintain a thorough visual scan of the airspace surrounding the concerned aircraft (UA) in order to identify any risk of collision with any manned aircraft; (2) maintain awareness of the position of the UA through visual contact or through awareness provided by electronic means; (3) detect the remote pilot when a hazard is detected and assist in avoiding or minimizing the potential negative effects.