Geofencing DJI

The ‘geofencing’ functionality in DJI drones is a geographical restriction of the operational area of the drone that is specified by the manufacturer. The manufacturer’s restrictions might not be identical to the restrictions on use under the applicable national legislation.

This means that you must always be aware of local flight restrictions before operating / piloting a DJI drone. We would refer you to Article 14 et seq. of the DETEC 748.941 Ordinance on Aircraft of Special Categories and to the interactive drone map based on it on our website: https://www.bazl.admin.ch/bazl/en/home/good-to-know/drones-and-aircraft-models/drohnenkarte.html.

If you intend to fly into an area for which DJI has programmed a restriction, an “unlock” must be requested directly from the manufacturer (www.dji.com/flysafe). You will be required to prove that you have permission to fly in the restricted area.

For example:

Restricted Area Airport: Permit from Skyguide or the corresponding Airfield / Heliport
Restricted area football stadium (overflight): FOCA approval for flight out of sight
Restricted area football stadium indoor (closed building): authorisation from the stadium owner
Restricted area nature reserve: no permit possible, overflight prohibited

The FOCA itself is unable to assist with ‘unlocking’ DJI drones.