

**Question for written answer E-002204/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Registration of Frontex flights with the Libyan Civil Aviation Authority

The Libyan Civil Aviation Authority is responsible for the oversight of the Libyan Flight Information Region (FIR). This includes international and uncontrolled airspace allocated to Libya. However, the Authority does not have the power to limit non-commercial and private flights there. In addition to the aircraft operated by maritime rescue organisations, manned and unmanned Frontex aircraft also operate in the Libyan FIR under the FASS and EUROSUR services.

1. Do Frontex aircraft, in principle or in individual cases, have to submit a request for prior authorisation to the Libyan Civil Aviation Authority before flying in their FIR as part of the FASS or EUROSUR services and, if so, who is responsible for such requests?
2. Has the Libyan Civil Aviation Authority rejected any requests for prior authorisation for Frontex aircraft and, if so, how often or in what cases and on what grounds, and since when has Frontex faced such restrictions?