

**FAQ n.115356****FAQs:**

[Airspace Usage requirements – DLS/CPDLC \(controller-pilot data link communication\)](#),  
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**Question:**

**What is the DLS IR mandating for operators?**

**Answer:**

The DLS IR mandates CPDLC (controller pilot data link communication) capability for aircraft operating above FL 285. Aircraft capability is understood as the aircraft being properly equipped and flight crew appropriately trained as agreed with the operator's Competent Authority.

Note: CPDLC operation does not require a specific approval in accordance with Part-SPA of the Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012.

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