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	The House of Representatives enacts as follows:
Short title.	<b>1.</b> This Law may be cited as the Space Law of 2023.
Definitions.	<b>2.</b> In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires-
	'decision' means a decision made by the Director pursuant to the provisions of this Law or the provisions of the Regulations made hereunder;
	'outer space' means the space which is higher than one hundred kilometres (100km) above sea level;
	'Republic' means the Republic of Cyprus;
	'Order' means an order made by the Council of Ministers pursuant to the provisions of this Law or the provisions of the Regulations made hereunder and published in the official Gazette of the Republic;
	'space activities' means activities involving launching, flight, guidance, navigation, control operation or return of a space object to, in and from outer space,
	<p>'high risk space activities' means space activities satisfying at least one of the following conditions:</p> <p>(a) are innovative in terms of their nature or scale;</p> <p>(b) employ techniques, technologies or systems that have not been proven by the industry;</p> <p>(c) have a higher risk and a higher cost in terms of claims for liability against third parties;</p>

	(d) present dangers to third parties, that are not sufficiently defined;
	<p>'space object' means-</p> <p>(a) an object launched or intended for launching into outer space, and includes component parts thereof;</p> <p>(b) device or system used or intended to be used for launching such object and includes component parts of such device or system;</p>
	'Director' means the Director of the Department of Electronic Communications or any other person specifically or generally authorised by the Director under section 22;
	'control of a space object' means permanent and constant observation, positioning and correction of space activities of a space object;
	'commercial space activity' means space activity with a purpose of generating revenue or profit whether conducted by a Government Service or by the Operator;
	'space activity authorisation' or 'authorisation' means a written license granted by the Director, according to the provisions of this Law;
	'damage' means loss of life, personal injury or impairment of health or loss of or damage to property of States or persons, natural or legal or of international intergovernmental organisations, directly caused by a space object in the course of in space activities;
	'Government Service' means a service under the Republic and includes the Public Service, the Public Educational Service, service in the Armed Forces of the Republic or in the Security Forces of the

	Republic, or service to any other post in respect of which specific provision is made by Law;
	'Launching State' bears the meaning attributed to the term 'launching State' by Article I of the Convention on Registration of Objects;
	'State of registry' bears the meaning attributed to the term by Article I of the Convention on Registration of Objects;
	'Member State' means a Member State of the European Union;
42 of 1972.	'The Outer Space Treaty' means the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, which was ratified by the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (Ratification) Law;
23 of 1973.	'Convention on International Liability' means the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects, which was ratified by the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects (Ratification) Law;
30 of 1978.	'Convention on Registration of Objects' means the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, of November the 12th 1974, which was ratified by the Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (Ratification) Law;
	'Department of Electronic Communications' means the Department of Electronic Communications of the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy;
	'Orbit' means the geostationary or non-geostationary course of a space object;
	'Deputy Minister' means the Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy.

	<p>'Operator conducting space activities' or 'Operator' means a natural or legal person conducting or intending to conduct space activities, ensuring on its own or jointly with other Operators, effective control of the space object following an authorisation according to the provisions of this Law;</p>
Scope.	<p><b>3.-(1)</b> This Law applies to -</p> <p>(a) space activities conducted in the territory of the Republic;</p> <p>(b) space activities conducted outside the territory of the Republic, provided such activities are conducted -</p> <p>(i) on aircraft or vessels or offshore platforms registered in the Republic;</p> <p>(ii) by national, natural or legal persons registered in the Republic and under the responsibility of the Republic as a Launching State according to the principles of International Law arising from the Treaty on Outer Space and the Convention on International Liability.</p>
<p>213(I) of 2002 114(I) of 2004 83(I) of 2005 70(I) of 2006 159(I) of 2007 6(I) of 2008 112(I) of 2008 49(I) of 2011 96(I) of 2011 12(I) of 2012 124(I) of 2012 98(I) of 2014 72(I) of 2015 108(I) of 2019 106(I) of 2020.</p>	<p>(2) During the flight of a space object within the airspace of the Nicosia Flight Information Region, which is under the jurisdiction of the Republic, the provisions of the Civil Aviation Law shall apply.</p>

<p>146(I) of 2002 15(I) of 2003 16(I) of 2004 180(I) of 2004 74(I) of 2006 50(I) of 2012 52(I) of 2013 113(I) of 2016 75(I) of 2017 22(I) of 2022.</p>	<p>(3) The provisions of this Law shall not apply in the event of the granting of rights of use for satellite resources, in respect of which the provisions of the Radiocommunications Law and of the Regulations made thereunder shall apply.</p>
<p>Competences of the Deputy Minister and of the Director.</p>	<p>4.-(1) The Deputy Minister and the Director are conferred with the competence for all matters concerning space activities falling within the scope of the application of this Law.</p>
	<p>(2) The Deputy Minister shall be responsible for the elaboration of policy concerning the space sector.</p>
	<p>(3) The Director shall be responsible for the implementation of the policy provided for in subsection (2), the effective management of space activities, the making of relevant decisions and for the regulation of all matters concerning space activities authorisations and the registration of space objects in the national registry, maintained pursuant to the provisions of this Law.</p>
	<p>(4) The Deputy Minister and the Director shall ensure that they have at their disposal adequate financial and human resources to carry out the duties assigned to them under the provisions of this Law.</p>
	<p>(5) The Deputy Minister and the Director, having due consideration of the significant social, cultural and economic value of space activities, in fulfilling their duties and performing their competences, shall aim to-</p> <p>(a) provide high-quality and secure space-related data, information and services, without interruption;</p>

	<p>(b) support national and regional policies and priorities of the Republic, in particular electronic communications, satellite navigation, remote sensing, climate change and the environment, emergency management, transport, security, health and digital adaption;</p> <p>(c) maximise the socio-economic benefits, promoting the widest possible uptake and use of the data, information and services provided by space activities, while ensuring synergies with the research and technological development activities, innovation, industrial policy of the Republic in the space sector;</p> <p>(d) strengthen national security, in collaboration with the competent government services;</p> <p>(e) enhance, in collaboration with other Member States, the safety, security and long-term sustainability of space activities pertaining to space objects as well as space environment;</p> <p>(f) foster the development of a space economy, including commercial space activities, in the Republic, including by supporting the space ecosystem and by reinforcing competitiveness, innovation, entrepreneurship, skills and capacity building, with particular regard to small and medium size enterprises SMEs and start-ups.</p>
	<p>(6) The Deputy Minister and the Director, while performing their competences and powers -</p> <p>(a) shall duly take account of national security matters, the public interest and any relevant international agreements, that are binding upon the Republic;</p> <p>(b) may cooperate with other competent authorities of the Republic or with other States for strengthening collaboration on regulation, sharing of experience and enhancing capacity building;</p>

	<p>(c) may cooperate with competent bodies of other Member States and the European Commission on the strategic planning, coordination and harmonisation of space activities in the European Union;</p> <p>(d) shall ensure that appropriate mechanisms are put in place for communication and consultation with government services, Operators, users and all stakeholders of the space activities sector.</p>
Competences of the Director.	<p><b>5.-(1)</b> The Director shall regulate all matters concerning space activity authorisations and registration of space objects in the national registry, according to the provisions of this Law.</p>
	<p>(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1), the Director shall -</p> <p>(a) review applications for authorisation and grant, reassess, amend or withdraw an authorisation, or permit the transfer of an authorisation of an Operator to conduct space activities, pursuant to the provisions of this Law;</p> <p>(b) maintain and update the national registry of space objects;</p> <p>(c) collect fees and impose administrative fines in the event of violation of the provisions of this Law and the provisions of the Regulations or Orders made hereunder;</p> <p>(d) request an authorised Operator and/or Government Service conducting space activities to provide any information necessary for carrying out his duties and exercising his competences;</p> <p>(e) supervise and conduct reviews of space activities, pursuant to the provisions of this Law;</p>

	<p>(f) request other authorities and/or experts, as contemplated in section 21, to give advice, views and technical support;</p> <p>(g) assume any other duties and exercise any other powers as specified in this Law and the Regulations made hereunder.</p>
Granting, amending, reassessing or withdrawing an authorisation.	<b>6.</b> The Director may grant, amend, reassess or withdraw an authorisation for conducting space activities according to the provisions of this Law, based on the standards and templates specified in the Regulations made pursuant to the provisions of this Law.
Granting an authorisation.	<b>7.-(1)</b> Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (5), the grant of an authorisation by the Director is required in order to conduct space activities, following a relevant application by the Operator, as defined in section 8.
	<p>(2) By the authorisation contemplated in subsection (1), the Director may impose conditions aiming, inter alia, at:</p> <p>(a) ensuring the safety of persons and property;</p> <p>(b) the protection of the environment;</p> <p>(c) the optimal use of the atmosphere and outer space;</p> <p>(d) safeguarding the strategic, geopolitical and economic interests of the Republic;</p> <p>(e) fulfilment of the obligations of the Republic arising from relevant International Conventions.</p>
	(3) The authorised Operator shall conduct the space activity for which an authorisation is granted according to the conditions of the authorisation and following payment of the fee specified in the Order issued pursuant to the provisions of section 27.



	<p>(4) The granting of the authorisation shall not relieve the Operator from the obligation to secure further authorisations, licenses or approvals which may be necessary under other laws of the Republic and/or international law.</p>
	<p>(5) No authorisation is required under the provisions of this section for Government Services conducting space activities for reasons of national or public security, defence or activities pertaining to the exercise of state power:</p> <p>Provided that, a Government Service intending to conduct space activities shall consult the Director in advance, providing him with all the information he requests and shall duly take into consideration his position.</p>
Procedure for granting an authorisation.	<p><b>8.-(1)</b> The Operator shall submit to the Director an application for the grant of an authorisation for space activity and pay the fee specified in the Order issued pursuant to the provisions of section 27.</p>
	<p>(2) The Director shall review the application provided for in subsection (1) according to the provisions of this Law and shall decide whether the Operator meets the conditions and the assessment criteria according to subsection (3).</p>
	<p>(3) With regard to the application referred to in subsection (1), Regulations made under this Law shall provide for the following cumulative conditions and assessment criteria concerning the provision of information and evidence that the Operator -</p> <p>(a) has the necessary technical expertise for conducting space activities;</p> <p>(b) has the necessary financial resources or provides evidence of its capacity to secure such resources for conducting space activities;</p>

	<p>(c) makes provision and takes steps for conducting space activities safely;</p> <p>(d) provides information on its configuration, structure and ownership;</p> <p>(e) conducts the intended space activities according to principles of International Law and the relevant International Conventions that are binding on the Republic, as well as the provisions of national law in force.</p>
	(4) The Director may request the Operator to provide any evidence he considers necessary for assessing the application, depending on the nature of the authorisation for space activity to be granted.
	(5) The Director shall inform the Operator of his decision on the application filed according to the provisions of subsection (1) within three (3) months from the date of receipt of all the evidence, information, accompanying documents and certificates, unless there are special reasons to justify a longer time period for the examination of the application.
National registry of space objects.	<b>9.-(1)</b> The Director shall maintain a registry of space objects where space objects relating to space activities are registered, in respect of which the Republic is a launching State according to the Convention on Registration of Objects.
	(2) Where an authorised Operator conducts space activities with a launching State which is not the Republic, the authorised Operator shall notify the Director of the launching State.
	(3) The Director shall take the necessary actions for the Republic, as a launching State, to furnish to the Secretary-General of the United Nations all the information relating to space objects carried on the

	registry envisaged by this Law, as the case may be, pursuant to Articles II, IV and V of the Convention on Registration of Objects.
Liability for damages.	<b>10.</b> -(1) The authorised Operator shall conduct space activities according to principles of International Law accruing from the Outer Space Treaty and the Convention on International Liability.
	(2) The authorised Operator shall pay compensation to the Director for damage caused by space objects covered by the authorisation, in respect of which the Republic is under an obligation to pay compensation.
	(3) In the event the Republic is liable for compensation as provided for in Article VII of the Outer Space Treaty or the Convention on International Liability, the Republic shall have the right to present a claim for indemnification to the authorised Operator, which may be up to the amount of sixty million euros (€60.000.000).
	(4) Without prejudice to the right of the Director under the provisions of section 19 to withdraw the authorisation, where the authorised Operator does not meet or violates the conditions of the authorisation and/or fails to comply with the provisions of this Law and/or its space activities are high-risk activities, the amount of the indemnification in favour of the Republic may exceed the amount stipulated in subsection (3).
Obligation for insurance.	<b>11.</b> In order to cover the indemnification prescribed in section 10, the Director shall impose a condition in the authorisation that the authorised Operator takes out and maintains an insurance contract with the Republic being the beneficiary thereof, with a licensed insurance company.
Safety and security of space activities and space debris mitigation.	<b>12.</b> -(1) The authorised Operator and/or Government Service shall take all necessary measures to ensure that space activities conducted do not pose a risk to persons, property or public safety, in the context

	of space debris mitigation, according to the international standards on space debris mitigation.
	(2) The authorised Operator and/or Government Service shall conduct space activities in an environmentally viable manner promoting the sustainable use of space.
	<p>(3) In its application for space activities authorisation, the Operator shall-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) assess the environmental impact of its activities on the Earth, in the atmosphere and in outer space;</li> <li>(b) present a plan for measures to counter and reduce direct and indirect adverse environmental impacts;</li> <li>(c) expressly specify any nuclear materials and other radioactive substances used in its space activities; and</li> <li>(d) mention whether space activities concerned are high-risk activities.</li> </ul>
	(4) The authorised Operator and/or Government Service conducting space activities, in accordance with generally accepted international guidelines and standards and subject to the provisions of section 20, shall seek to restrict the generation of space debris during normal operations of the space object, minimise the risks of in-orbit break-ups and in-orbit collisions of the space object and, after the space object has completed its mission, shall seek to move it to the Earth or into the atmosphere or into a less used orbit where it will not pose any risk or cause damage to other space objects or other space activities.
Know-how and experience.	<b>13.</b> Any person participating in the launch, operation or return of a space object shall have the necessary know-how and experience for the performance of its duties.

International obligations.	<b>14.</b> The authorised Operator and/or Government Service conducting space activities shall provide to the Director all the necessary support, information and/or know-how the Director requests in the context of the international obligations of the Republic.
Transfer of authorisation.	<b>15.-(1)</b> The authorised Operator may not transfer the authorisation to another Operator, except only following the approval of the Director, which may be granted subject to the provisions of this Law.
	(2) The Operator shall submit to the Director a written application for approval of the transfer of authorisation at least three (3) months prior to the intended transfer.
	(3) The Director may approve the transfer of authorisation provided he is satisfied that the Operator to which the transfer will be made fulfils the criteria and the conditions for granting an authorisation in accordance with the provisions of this Law.
	(4) The Director may attach additional terms and conditions to the decision approving the transfer of authorisation.
Change of ownership, structure and configuration of the Operator.	<b>16.-(1)</b> In the event of a change in the configuration, structure or ownership of the Operator, the Operator shall inform the Director, no later than ten (10) business days from the date of the change, providing him with all the necessary information.
	(2) The Director has the right to reassess the authorisation of the Operator, in the event of change as provided for in subsection (1), in order to ensure that the Operator continues to fulfil the terms and conditions on the basis of which the authorisation was initially granted:  Provided that, where as a result of the change the authorised Operator no longer fulfils the terms and conditions on the basis of which the authorisation was initially granted, the Director shall withdraw the authorisation.

	<p>(3) The Director shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of all the information provided for in subsection (1), inform the authorised Operator by a reasoned decision whether he approves the change provided for in subsection (1) and, in the event of non-approval, of the reasons for not approving the change notified.</p>
Obligation to provide information.	<p><b>17.</b> The authorised Operator and/or Government Service conducting space activities shall provide to the Director all the information, evidence and documents required for the implementation of this Law.</p>
Amending an authorisation.	<p><b>18.-(1)</b> The Director may amend the terms, criteria and conditions of the space activity authorisation in any of the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Deputy Minister requests the amendment for reasons of national security;</li> <li>(b) the amendment is necessary for reasons of public interest or compliance with international commitments or obligations of the Republic;</li> <li>(c) any other case where the Director deems that the amendment of the authorisation is necessary, taking into consideration all the circumstances.</li> </ul>
	<p>(2) Prior to reaching a decision for amendment according to the provisions of subsection (1), the Director shall inform in writing the authorised Operator and shall grant the Operator the opportunity to make representations on the intended amendments within a reasonable time period, which may not be less than twenty-one (21) business days.</p>
	<p>(3) The Director shall, after taking into consideration the views of the authorised Operator submitted within the time period provided for in subsection (2), issue his reasoned decision.</p>

	<p>(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (2) and (3), where the Director considers there are urgent national security grounds, the Director may issue a decision for amendment according to the provisions of subsection (1) and subsequently follow the procedure concerning the submission of representations by the authorised Operator.</p>
<p>Withdrawing an authorisation.</p>	<p><b>19.-(1)</b> The Director may withdraw the authorisation for space activity, if-</p> <p>(a) when submitting the application for authorisation, erroneous or incomplete information was given which has essentially influenced the consideration of the application;</p> <p>(b) the Operator does not fulfil and/or violates the conditions of the authorisation;</p> <p>(c) the withdrawal becomes necessary by reason of the Republic's international commitments or obligations or for reasons of national security or public interest or in cases of emergency.</p>
	<p>(2) Before making a decision to withdraw the authorisation the Director shall, if he considers that it is possible to do so, give the authorised Operator the opportunity, within thirty (30) days from the date of the notification, to take all appropriate measures to correct its omission, error, violation or neglect.</p>
	<p>(3) Where the Director, by his decision, withdraws an authorisation pursuant to the provisions of this Law, such decision shall be in writing and reasoned and notified to the authorised Operator without delay.</p>
	<p>(4)(a) In the event of a decision withdrawing an authorisation for space activities, the Director shall take the necessary measures for temporary continuation or safe discontinuation of the space</p>



	<p>activity, in order to safeguard the security of space activities, the protection of persons, property and the environment.</p> <p>(b) For the purpose stipulated in paragraph (a), the Director may issue orders addressed to the authorised Operator or third parties, refer to third parties for the provision of services and transfer the space activities to another Operator, in order to ensure the continuation of the flight activities and guidance and, if necessary, remove from orbit, deactivate or destroy the space object.</p>
Supervision and inspection of space activities.	<p><b>20.</b>-(1) The Director shall supervise compliance of all space activities with the provisions of this Law and the provisions of the Regulations and/or Orders made hereunder.</p>
	<p>(2)(a) The authorised Operator shall submit to the Director an up-to-date report on an annual basis concerning its space activities.</p> <p>(b) In the report, to the extent that it may affect the security of the space activities concerned, the Operator shall describe, inter alia, the state and functionality of the space activities, the failures of the space object, the warnings and risks of collision, the environmental impacts, the efforts of the Operator to mitigate space debris and possible corrective actions it has taken and the report shall include the plans for continuing, altering or discontinuing the space activities.</p>
	<p>(3) The Director has the right to carry out inspections on all space activities, pursuant to the provisions of this Law, through authorised public officer and/or independent experts.</p>
125(I) of 2018 26(I) of 2022.	<p>(4)(a) Subject to the provisions of Article 16 of the Constitution and the provisions of the Law providing for the Protection of Natural Persons with regard to the Processing of Personal Data and for the Free Movement of such Data, a public officer and/or an independent expert carrying out inspections according to the provisions of subsection (3) shall have a right of access to any</p>



	<p>information or document or material or infrastructure or premise of the authorised Operator which has directly or indirectly been granted and/or used for space activities.</p> <p>(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of section 24, in the event of failure of the authorised Operator to allow access for inspection, without adequate justification, there shall be reasonable cause for amending or withdrawing the authorisation and/or for the Director to impose an administrative fine which may not exceed the amount of one hundred thousand euros (€100.000), subject to the procedure envisaged by subsections (2) to (5) of section 24.</p>
Advice, technical assistance and acquiring information.	<p><b>21.-(1)</b> The Director may, in the exercise of his duties, request advice, views and/or technical assistance from other authorities and/or experts regarding, inter alia, technical matters, issues concerning insurance of space activities and space objects, compensation, compliance with international guidelines and standards for space debris mitigation, assessment of security and risk assessment.</p>
125(l) of 2018 26(l) of 2022	<p>(2) Subject to the provisions of Article 16 of the Constitution and the provisions of the Law providing for the Protection of Natural Persons with regard to the Processing of Personal Data and for the Free Movement of such Data, the Director may receive information relating to the authorised Operator which is necessary for performing his duties.</p>
Authorisation to perform duties of the Director.	<p><b>22.-(1)</b> The Director may delegate in writing to a person authorized by him, the exercise of any power, competence and/or the performance of any duty this Law or the Regulations made hereunder confer upon and entrust, respectively, to the Director.</p> <p>Provided that, in case of such delegation, the Director maintains the power to exercise the delegated power or competence and to</p>

	<p>perform the duty delegated, from the time of and for the duration of the said delegation.</p> <p>(2) A person to whom the exercise of power or competence or the performance of a duty is assigned pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1) shall exercise such power or competence and perform such duty in accordance with any written instructions of the Director to this effect.</p>
	<p>(3) The Director may amend and revoke a delegation provided for in subsection (1) by written notice to that effect to the person to whom such delegation was made.</p>
Offences and penalties.	<p><b>23.</b> A person who-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) conducts space activities without securing the authorisation provided for in section 6;</li> <li>(b) transfers the authorisation to another Operator without the prior decision approving the transfer by the Director according to the provisions of section 15;</li> <li>(c) fails to comply with the obligation to take out insurance according to the provisions of section 11; or</li> <li>(d) violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Law or of the Regulations or Orders made hereunder;</li> </ul> <p>shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years or a fine not exceeding nine hundred thousand euros (€900.000) or both.</p>
	<p>(2) A person who fails to provide information requested in violation of or by failure to comply with the provisions of section 17, is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12) months or a fine not exceeding five thousand euros (€5.000).</p>

Administrative fine.	<p><b>24.-(1)</b> The Director may impose an administrative fine on any person, depending on the seriousness and the gravity of the contravention, regardless of whether criminal liability co-exists under the provisions of this Law or any other Law, on the grounds of contravention or non-compliance-</p> <p>(a) with any provision of this Law or the Regulations or Orders issued hereunder,</p> <p>(b) with the terms, conditions or restrictions of any authorisation granted,</p> <p>not exceeding five thousand euros (€5.000) for every day of such contravention or non-compliance.</p>
	<p>(2) The Director shall, prior to the imposition of an administrative fine, notify the person affected of his intention giving the reasons thereof and shall give such person the right to submit representations within thirty (30) days from the day of the notification.</p>
	<p>(3) An administrative fine provided for in subsection (1) is imposed by a written and reasoned decision of the Director which is communicated to the person affected and in which-</p> <p>(a) the violation is specified; and</p> <p>(b) information regarding the following is included-</p> <p>(i) the right of the person affected to hierarchical recourse to the Deputy-Minister according to the provisions of section 25;</p> <p>(ii) the right of the person affected to appeal against the decision by recourse to the Administrative Court under Article 146 of the Constitution; and</p> <p>(iii) the time period for exercising the rights mentioned in subparagraphs (i) and (ii).</p>

	(4) The decision of the Director becomes enforceable upon communication to the person affected.
	(5) In case of failure and/or omission to pay an administrative fine imposed under the provisions of this section, such fine shall be recovered as a civil debt owed to the Republic.
Hierarchical recourse.	<b>25.-(1)</b> A person to whom an administrative fine is imposed under the provisions of section 24 has the right to a hierarchical recourse to the Deputy Minister against the decision to impose an administrative fine, within thirty (30) days from the day the decision is communicated to the person.
	(2) The execution of the decision shall not be suspended upon the making of a hierarchical recourse according to the provisions of subsection (1).
	(3) In the event of a hierarchical recourse made pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1), the Deputy Minister shall, after having heard the person who made it or after having afforded him the opportunity to present his views in writing, decide on the recourse according to the provisions of subsection (4), no later than within a period of ten (10) days, unless there are particular reasons to justify a longer period for issuing the decision.
	<p>(4) The Deputy Minister shall, within the period provided for in subsection (1), issue and transmit in writing to the person who made the recourse his decision thereon, by which he may-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) confirm the decision being challenged;</li> <li>(b) annul the decision being challenged;</li> <li>(c) vary the decision being challenged; or</li> <li>(d) issue a new decision in substitution of the decision challenged.</li> </ul>

	<p>(5) The administrative fine will be forfeited and will become permanently due to the Republic if no action is taken within the period fixed for hierarchical recourse to the Administrative Court of seventy-five (75) days, either from the communication of the decision to impose an administrative fine or, where a hierarchical recourse is made to the Deputy Minister, from the notification of the negative decision on the recourse by the Deputy Minister.</p>
Regulations.	<p><b>26.</b>-(1) The Council of Ministers may make Regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Law or for regulating any matter required to be or which may be regulated.</p>
	<p>(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Regulations may regulate any of the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) specifying the competences, powers and duties which may be assigned to the Director and concern the implementation of the provisions of this Law;</li> <li>(b) procedures, forms and standards/templates for submitting applications for granting an authorisation;</li> <li>(c) the criteria and conditions for assessing the application;</li> <li>(d) the financial resources for conducting space activity;</li> <li>(e) safety and security of space activities, space debris mitigation, minimum quality requirements for equipment and operations affecting security as well as environmental impact assessment;</li> <li>(f) the necessary know-how and experience of persons participating in space activities, including the launch, operation or return of a space object;</li> <li>(g) supervision and control of space activities.</li> </ul>
Orders.	<p><b>27.</b> The Council of Ministers may issue Orders for regulating-</p>

	<p>(a) technical matters;</p> <p>(b) the fee for the authorisation application;</p> <p>(c) the fee for the authorisation.</p>
Transitional Provisions.	<p><b>28.</b> Space activities conducted by an Operator prior to the coming of entry of this Law may continue without obtaining an authorisation for a period of nine (9) months, beginning from the date of coming into entry of this Law.</p>