

PERMITTING DECISION SUMMARY

12 x Global

BlackSky Global LLC (BlackSky)

1. BlackSky is a US aerospace company, which specialises in global monitoring services. BlackSky operates a constellation of optical imaging satellites.
2. BlackSky applied to vary their payload permit 200161-PPT to include one further satellite, bringing the total of satellites covered under the permit to twelve, and modify the permitted altitude and inclination ranges.
3. The eleven satellites covered under the permit were launched in accordance with the permit prior to the variation being applied for to add the additional twelfth satellite.
4. Payloads are permitted in line with the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017](#) and the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities \(Licences and Permits\) Regulations 2017](#).
5. Each payload has been approved by the Minister for Space, on advice from officials across agencies. When approving payloads, the Minister needs to be satisfied that:
 - a. The applicant has taken and will continue to take all reasonable steps to safely manage the operation of the payload.
 - b. The proposed operation of the payload is consistent with New Zealand's international obligations; and
 - c. The applicant has an orbital debris mitigation plan that meets prescribed requirements.
 - d. Despite being satisfied of these matters, the Minister may nevertheless decline a permit if he is not satisfied that the proposed operation of the payload is in New Zealand's national interest.

Date Granted	Authorisation Number	Payload Name	Owner or Operator	Country of Origin
2 October 2023	200161-PPT	12 x Global	BlackSky Global LLC	United States