

PERMITTING DECISION SUMMARY

Calistus

E-Space Africa Limited

1. E-Space Africa Limited is a satellite company that has locations in the United States, France and Rwanda. The company focuses on developing constellations and providing commercially available communications services to governments and businesses. One of the ways it is doing this is by testing novel internet of things (IoT) connectivity.
2. The Calistus payload comprises a handful of short-duration small satellites that will be used to demonstrate novel IoT technology.
3. 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](#).
4. 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 they are 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
31 July 2025	250461-PPT	Calistus	E-Space Africa Limited	Rwanda