

Status of the Study Group “Traffic Management Rules for Space Operations”

1.1 Current Status

- 2001: AIAA Workshop; establishment of an IAA Study Group
- 2002: IISL/ECSL Symposium on Space Traffic Management with Study Group's involvement at UNCOPUOS
- 2003: Space Traffic Management session at IAC Bremen with presentation of preliminary findings of the Study Group
- Today: first draft of study

1.2. Upcoming Activities

- 2004 (March-September): broader discussion of first draft including contributors and discussion group
- 2004 (April): presentation of intermediary results upon invitation at the Monterey Institute (Washington D.C.)
- 2004 (October): Space Traffic Management session at IAC Vancouver with presentation of the first draft
- 2004 (autumn)/2005 (IAA spring meeting): IAA review of the study
- 2005 (October): Scientific-Legal Roundtable at IAC Fukuoka with presentation of the adopted study

2. Major Changes between the First Ideas and the First Draft

- There have been numerous indications that the study group should not be too ambitious and should not seek to promote new regulation
- The first draft consequently applies a long-term perspective and outlines only in an abstract manner the regulatory requirements
- The first draft is therefore more analytical and descriptive than normative (the possibility is kept open that draft regulation for the future could be sketched)