



POLICY GUIDANCE

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The [National Military Strategy](#) addresses access to and freedom of maneuver within the global commons – shared areas of sea, air, and space – and globally connected domains such as cyberspace.

Specific to airspace control, high seas freedoms of navigation and overflight include the right of aircraft of all nations to use the airspace over the high seas. Foreign sovereign airspace extends to the outer limits of the territorial seas; therefore all nations enjoy high seas freedoms of overflight in the airspace above exclusive economic zones of coastal states beyond the territorial seas. Nations also enjoy freedom of overflight through straits used for international navigation and through archipelagic sea lanes. Consistent with customary international law, this freedom must be exercised with [due regard for the safety of navigation of civil aircraft](#). Air Force procedures governing operations in international or [foreign national airspace](#) recognize the right of a foreign government to establish and enforce procedures for operations within its sovereign airspace.
