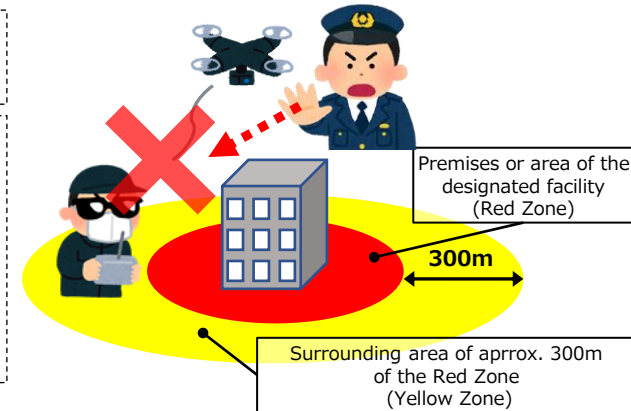


Outline of the Drone Act

In principle, **the flight of small unmanned aircraft system, etc.***1 is prohibited over the airspace above premises or areas (Red Zone) of important facilities and the surrounding area of approximately 300 meters of the Red Zone (Yellow Zone)*2.

- *1 (i) Flying a **small unmanned aircraft system** (unmanned airplane (radio control airplane, etc.) , unmanned rotorcraft (drones, etc.), etc.) (ii) Flying using **specific aerial equipment** (balloons, hang gliders, paragliders, etc.)

- *2 (i) Flights over the Red / Yellow Zone by the facility administrator or a person who has obtained consent from the administrator;
 (ii) Flights over the relevant land by the landowner or a person who has obtained consent from the landowner, etc. ;
 (iii) Flights over the Red / Yellow Zone for the purpose of performing the duties of the national or local governments
 (Flights over the Red Zone of designated defense facilities and airports are exempt from the prohibition only in the case of (i).)
 → **Notification** to the Prefectural Public Safety Commission (police) and other necessary entities is required prior to the flight.
- are exempt from the prohibition



Facilities Subject to Prohibition

(i) National Important Facilities, etc.

Maintaining Central Functions ,etc. of the Government

- National Diet Building, etc. [Designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the House of Councilors]
- Prime Minister's Office, etc. [Designated by the Prime Minister]
- Administrative Organs Responsible for Crisis Management [Designated by the Heads of the Administrative Organs]
- Supreme Court Building [Designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court]
- Imperial Palace and The Crown Prince's Residence [Designated by the Prime Minister]
- Political parties' offices [Designated by the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications]

(ii) Diplomatic Establishments, etc.

Maintaining Favorable International Relations

- Embassies ,etc. [Designated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs]
- Places where foreign dignitaries are present [Designated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs]

(iii) Defense Facilities

Maintaining the Foundation for the National Defense

- Facilities of the Japan Self-Defense Forces [Designated by the Minister of Defense]
- Facilities of U.S. Forces in Japan [Designated by the Minister of Defense]

Added by the 2019 amendment

(iv) Airports

[Designated by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism]

Maintaining the Foundation of Peoples' Living Conditions and Economic Activities

Added by the 2020 amendment

(v) Nuclear Facility Sites

[Designated by the National Public Safety Commission]

Ensuring Public Safety

Orders and Measures by Police Officers*3, and Penal Provisions

- Police officers and others may order a violator to take necessary measures such as removing the equipment from the prohibited area (**order to take measures**).
- To the extent unavoidable, police officers and others may take **necessary measures**, such as **obstructing the flight** or **destroying the equipment**.
- Violation of the prohibition on flight over the Red Zone or the order to take measures shall be punished by **imprisonment for not more than one year or a fine not more than 500,000 yen**.

*3 Coast guard officers (sea area), Imperial Guards (Imperial Palace, etc.), Self-Defense Forces personnel assigned to facility security (Defense Facilities) and Airport Managers, etc. (Airports) can also issue orders and take measures.