Booklet on sky lanterns

For the release of sky lanterns (also known as flight lanterns, sky balloons, glowworms, flammeas, Kong Mings, fire lanterns, air lanterns, party balloons), a clearance according to Section 21 of the German Aviation Regulation (LuftVO) is required.

You can only send requests for locations of ascent in Germany. The request has to be submitted online via the AIS Portal (www.dfs-ais.de). The AIS Portal also contains an FAQ section with the most frequently asked questions.

When the request has been checked, DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung will inform each applicant about the conditions to be complied with. These conditions only refer to aspects of aviation safety for which the competent air traffic control unit is responsible according to Section 29 of the German Aviation Act (LuftVG).

The applicant is responsible for compliance with other applicable regulations. This is especially relevant with regard to fire prevention regulations and regulations governing public safety and order on the ground. Please note that the ascent of sky lanterns is prohibited in most areas of Germany for fire-prevention reasons. We therefore ask you to contact the responsible municipal office for public order prior to submitting your request.

Please submit your request in good time, if possible five days in advance. If you do not receive a reply within 24 hours, please check your spam folder. In urgent cases, please contact our hotline at the telephone number (06103) 707-5580.

Once you send this form, you agree to the processing and storing of your personal data.

In accordance with the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG), we assure you that your data will not be passed on to third parties or used for marketing purposes.