

Executive Order 14335

Enabling Competition in the Commercial Space Industry

August 13, 2025

Overview

On August 13th, 2025 [Executive Order 14335](#): Enabling Competition in the Commercial Space Industry was released. The Order aims to boost U.S. Leadership in the commercial space industry by streamlining regulation, accelerating launch approvals, and promoting innovation through infrastructure and policy reforms. The Executive Order streamlines regulations to accelerate U.S. commercial space launches, encourages development of spaceport infrastructure, and creates new pathways for authorizing emerging space activities. It also strengthens leadership roles in federal agencies to ensure accountability and innovation, aiming to secure America’s dominance in the global space economy.

Directives

Agency	Requirements
Department of Transportation	Environmental Reviews: Reevaluate and revise FAA regulations to reduce burdens for vehicles with advanced safety systems Code of Federal Regulations: The Secretary of Transportation shall reevaluate, amend, or rescind the regulations of Part 450, code of Federal Regulations FAA Reform Report: Report on the actions to regulate Part 450 (Deadline: Dec 11, 2025) Leadership Appointments: Create a new advisory role focused on innovation and regulation in commercial space transportation, and appoint a senior executive as Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation at the FAA (Deadline: October 12, 2025)
Multi-Agency	CMZA Evaluation: The DOC in consultation with the DOD, DOT, and NASA shall conduct an evaluation of relevant States’ Compliance under the Coastal Zone Management Act (Deadline: February 9, 2026) Spaceport MOU: The Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Transportation, and the Administrator of NASA shall execute a memo of understanding to streamline spaceport reviews (Deadline February 9, 2026) Spaceport Review Acceleration: The Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Interior, and the Administrator of NASA shall use all available authorities to expedite their respective environment and administrative reviews National Security Implications: The Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Transportation, and the Administrator of NASA shall consider application for special approval under the Endanger Species Act when planning new spaceport projects

Department of Commerce

- **Space Mission Authorization:** The Secretary of Commerce must propose a streamlined process for authorizing space missions that fall under Article VI of the Out Space Treaty (Deadline January 10, 2026)
- **Office Elevation:** Elevate the Office of Space Commerce into the Office of the Secretary (Deadline October 12, 2025)

What Vendors Can Expect

- **Faster Licensing and Approvals:** Streamlined launch and reentry licensing processes means vendors can expect quicker turnaround times for FAA approvals, assuming their systems meet advanced safety standards
- **Reduced Regulatory Burden:** The reevaluation of FAA Part 450 and environmental review process could lower compliance cost and simplify entry for new players
- **New Authorization Pathways:** Vendors working on novel space activities may benefit from a new, clearer process for mission approval
- **Infrastructure Expansion:** Spaceport development will be accelerated, potentially increasing launch site availability and reducing logistical bottlenecks for launch providers and payloads integrators
- **Agency Coordination:** Improved interagency coordination may reduce delays and conflicting requirements, making it easier for vendors to navigate federal processes
- **Leadership and Advocacy:** The creation of new advisory roles and elevation of the Office of Space Commerce signals stronger federal support and advocacy for commercial space interests

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