STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 1000

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Leicester) Regulations 2022

Made - - - - 27th September 2022

Coming into force - - 9th October 2022

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended holding of Diwali Celebrations which are scheduled to be held there.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Leicester) Regulations 2022 and they come into force on 9th October 2022.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(**b**).

Restricted airspace

- **3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 1300 hours on 9th October 2022 and 0100 hours on 10th October 2022 and between 1300 hours on 24th October 2022 and 0100 hours on 25th October 2022 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 523857N 0010714W.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission granted by Leicestershire Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best Grade 7 Department for Transport

27th September 2022

⁽a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

⁽b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Leicester City Centre during Diwali Celebrations that are scheduled to take place there on the 9th and 10th October 2022 and 24th and 25th October 2022. In view of the high visibility of this event and at the request of Leicestershire Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the events for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), Leicestershire Police may be contacted on telephone number 07557-867350.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr S J Maxted, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 383216.