

2023 No. 642

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Plymouth Hoe)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - *12th June 2023*

Coming into force - - *16th August 2023*

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 there of the National Fireworks Championships 2023.

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) (Plymouth Hoe) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 16th August 2023.

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 1400 hours on 16th August 2023 and 0100 hours on 17th August 2023 and between 1400 hours on 17th August 2023 and 0100 hours on 18th August 2023 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 600 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 nautical miles centred at 502152N 0040833W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission granted by the Devon and Cornwall Police drone unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

12th June 2023

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(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 Plymouth Hoe, Devon during the intended holding of the National Fireworks Championships 2023 which are due to take place there between 16th August 2023 and 18th August 2023 (inclusive).

In view of the high visibility of this event and at the request of Devon and Cornwall Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

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), the Devon and Cornwall Police drone unit may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and by Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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