

2023 No. 927

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (River Thames)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - - *22nd August 2023*

Coming into force- *9th September 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the security arrangements for the intended transit of a number of vessels in the River Thames.

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) (River Thames) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 9th September 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 1700 hours on the 8th September 2023 and 0100 hours on the 12th September 2023 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,100 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513116N 0000608E,
 - (ii) 513109N 0001004E,
 - (iii) 512937N 0001243E,
 - (iv) 512757N 0001636E,
 - (v) 512841N 0001818E,
 - (vi) 512720N 0002402E,
 - (vii) 512611N 0002503E,
 - (viii) 512627N 0002052E,

(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).

- (ix) 512704N 0001807E,
- (x) 512648N 0001706E,
- (xi) 512834N 0001303E,
- (xii) 512848N 0001011E,
- (xiii) 513006N 0000929E,
- (xiv) 513023N 0000631E, and

(b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 513019N 0000319E between 513023N 0000631E and 513116N 0000608E.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7

22nd August 2023

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the River Thames, London due to the transit of a number of vessels that is scheduled to take place there. At the request of the Metropolitan Police Service, 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 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), the Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted as notified.

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

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