

**2024 No. 549**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portrush)  
Regulations 2024**

*Made* - - - - *23rd April 2024*

*Coming into force* - - *8th May 2024*

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 intending holding there of the North West 200 Motorcycle Race.

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) (Portrush) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 8th May 2024.

**Interpretation**

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

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), during the periods specified in paragraph (2) no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,200 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (i) 551128N 0064319W,
- (ii) 551157N 0064120W,
- (iii) 551207N 0063848W,
- (iv) 551016N 0063926W,
- (v) 550908N 0063933W,
- (vi) 550936N 0064008W,
- (vii) 551021N 0064015W,
- (viii) 551138N 0063944W,
- (ix) 551115N 0064150W, and

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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).

- (x) 551128N 0064319W, and
- (b) straight lines joining successively the following points—
  - (i) 551128N 0064319N,
  - (ii) 551115N 0064150W,
  - (iii) 551046N 0064059W,
  - (iv) 550936N 0064008W,
  - (v) 550908N 0063933W,
  - (vi) 550908N 0064026W,
  - (vii) 550942N 0064050W,
  - (viii) 551034N 0064132W, and
  - (ix) 551128N 0064319W.

- (2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are between—
  - (i) 0700 hours and 1400 hours on 8th May 2024,
  - (ii) 0700 hours and 2000 hours on 9th May 2024, and
  - (iii) 0700 hours and 2100 hours on 11th May 2024.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*David J Best*  
Grade 7

23rd April 2024

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 North West 200 Motorcycle Race and associated practice days that are due to take place at Portrush, Northern Ireland on 8th, 9th and 11th May 2024.

At the request of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, 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(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3), the Police Service of Northern Ireland 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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