

2024 No. 684

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ascot) (No. 2)
Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - 23rd May 2024

Coming into force - - 18th June 2024

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 intending gathering there of a large number of persons for the Royal Ascot 2024 horse racing event.

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) (Ascot) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 18th June 2024.

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 0800 hours and 1800 hours on each of the 5 days beginning 18th June 2024 and ending 22nd June 2024 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 900 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 512708N 0003638W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—

- (a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by or on behalf of the Thames Valley Police C-UAS Safety and Security Unit,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service, or
 - (ii) the National Police Air Service, or
- (c) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Windsor Castle) (Restricted Area EG R156) Regulations 2021(c).

(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).
(c) S.I. 2021/1137.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

23rd May 2024

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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 Ascot Racecourse by the reasons of the intended gathering there of a large number of persons attending the Royal Ascot 2024 horse racing event from the 18th to 22nd June 2024, inclusive.

The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Windsor Castle) (Restricted Area EG R156) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/1137).

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)(a), the Thames Valley Police C-UAS Safety and Security Unit may be contacted as notified.

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 Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.