

2024 No. 933

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - - *9th September 2024*

Coming into force - - *15th November 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 people attending the Cheltenham Races.

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) (Cheltenham) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 15th November 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 the period beginning with 0900 hours on 15th November 2024 and ending with 1900 hours on 17th November 2024 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 centred at 515517N 0020340W.

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

- (a) by Gloucestershire Constabulary, or
- (b) in accordance with a permission issued by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

9th September 2024

David J Best
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Department for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire on the occasion of the Cheltenham Races which is scheduled to take place there from 15th to 17th November 2024 (inclusive).

In view of the large numbers of people expected to attend the event, 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 the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), Gloucestershire Constabulary may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) 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.